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TWELVE PERSONS KILLED IN WRECK ON SOUTHERN

Passenger Train Jumps From Trestle Near Greensboro With Fearful Results—Fourteen Reported Dead and Twenty-Five Injured—Broken Rail The Cause—Wreckage Piled High.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—Local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, due in Greensboro at 6:40 A. M., was wrecked this morning at 6:32 at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles north of here, and at 6 o'clock this evening 12 dead bodies had been removed from the wreckage. Fourteen are reported dead and 25 injured are being cared for at St. Leo's hospital.

The dead bodies so far identified are: A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond and Danville division of the Southern Railway with headquarters at Richmond, Va.; H. C. White, traveling auditor, Washington, D. C.; Isaac Dammsels, porter on the Richmond sleeper; C. P. Nolan, Pullman conductor, of Greensboro; Frank W. Kirby, of Birmingham, Ala., or Wilkesboro, N. C., reported from both places.; Virgil E. Holcomb, of Mount Airy, N. C.; Ed. Sexton, of Denton, N. C.; Richard Eames, a mining engineer, of Salisbury, N. C.; John G. Broadnax, of Richmond, Va.; Ed. Bagby, of Richmond, Va.; Chas. T. Broadfieeld, of Americus, Ga.

The body of an unknown white man, apparently about 25 years old, was recovered late this evening. Among the patients at the hospital who are fatally injured are: Henry L. Stribling, of Decatur, Ga., and F. G. Smith, of Spencer.

The list of the injured so far ascertained—at least all of those seriously enough hurt to be take to the hospital—is as follows:

Thomas W. Eldridge, Richmond, Va.; John W. Phillips, Petersburg, Va.; David P. McBrayer, Anderson, S. C.; D. B. Hill, colored, Reidsville, N. C.; Jonas Anderson, (colored) Richmond, Va.; A. L. Harris, Reidsville; Will Kinnon, Davidson College; Sutral Watson, Baskerville, Va.; Arthur Watson, Baskerville, Va.; Robert Russell, New York; Burton Marye, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. H. T. Cook, Norfolk, Va.; Thomas V. Chalkley, Greensboro; Philip Nelson, Greensboro; Richard Robje, Norfolk, Va.; W. T. Carter, Danville, Va.; W. T. Carroll, Norfolk, Va.; W. T. Deberry, Portsmouth, Va.; H. L. Wood, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Robert Edmonds, New Orleans; G. H. Coble, Richmond, Va.

Owing to the character of the wreck much time was required to remove the dead and injured from the debris, and it was 8:30 o'clock before this work was well underway. The injured were brought to this city as rapidly as they could be extricated from the wreck and placed in St. Leo's hospital.

George J. Gould on the Train.

George J. Gould, who, with his son, Jay Gould, was in one of the Pullmans when the train jumped the track and who was reported dead, escaped uninjured. He with his son Jay and friend, R. H. Russell, of New York, former editor of the Metropolitan Magazine, had just gotten out of their berth when the wreck occurred. Mr. Russell was badly hurt by coming in contact with a car stove and is at the hospital. Mr. Gould and his son came in on the special bearing the dead and injured. He left this afternoon for his hunting lodge, 15 miles from here, for a week's outing.

Cause of Wreck.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail about 200 feet from the trestle that spans the small stream. The train was composed of two baggage, express and mail cars, three day coaches and two Pullmans. The engine and baggage, mail and express cars passed over in safety while the day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek and along the banks some 20 or 30 feet below.

At the point where the first coach left the track, the right hand rail being broken about 18 inches from a joint, the rail was broken into fragments for several feet and torn entirely from the cross ties.

The truck wheels ran on the ties until near the trestle when the outside went over allowing the brake beams and axles to fall on the guard rail of the bridge. As the last coach was about on the trestle the five coaches toppled over, broke loose from the mail and express car and tumbled into the mud and water below.

The Norfolk Pullman fell into the water, while the Richmond sleeper, just in front, landed only partially in the water. Most of the injured and killed in the sleepers were in the Richmond sleeper, which was totally demolished. The Norfolk sleeper was not badly torn up, but fell on its side in the swollen stream, submerging many of the passengers in the water. The conductor of this coach, Captain Johnson, was only slightly injured and none of the passengers in his car were killed.

The trailing coach was a day passenger coach and it is not known whether it contained passengers or not.

Richmond Pullman Demolished.

The Richmond Pullman is a mass of wreckage and scattered over the wet and muddy bank of the stream, part of it being buried in the mud.

The two day coaches in front of the Pullmans were also complete wrecks, being smashed into kindling wood.

The appearance of the dead at the undertakers showed that some were scalded to death, others were badly mutilated, while one was cut in half at the waist, his dismembered parts being found at the opposite ends of the coach. At 1 o'clock when the dead were brought into the city the morgue was so crowded that the train passed on farther where the ambulances and hacks were gathered to convey the dead to an improvised morgue which had been ordered. It took a cordon of policemen to keep the eager crowds from blocking all approaches. For a space of four hours the streets were at one time or another the scene of a procession of ambulances carrying the wounded to the hospital or the dead to the morgue.

The Rescue Work.

The Southern had a corps of officials, physicians and laborers on the scene quickly after the news was received here. Improvised litters were quickly put into service as the injured were released from their perilous positions in the mass of wreckage. Pullman mattresses and blankets were used to protect the injured and the dead were wrapped and handled as tenderly as the exigencies of the occasion would permit.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the track had been cleared sufficiently to allow passenger trains to pass.

The Southern Railway Company has made no official statement as to the cause of the wreck yet, but reports are that this will be done tomorrow. The county coroner and jury went to the scene tonight and their report will not be made public until tomorrow.

Southern's Statement.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Vice President and General Manager Ackert, of the Southern Railway, today gave out the following statement in regard to the accident near Greensboro, N. C., early this morning:

"Our passenger train No. 11 which is operated locally, between Richmond Va., and Atlanta, Ga., and carries sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte and from Norfolk to Charlotte, was derailed about 6:50 o'clock this morning, about eleven miles north of Greensboro, N. C. As far as can be ascertained at the time the cause of the accident was a broken rail due to a concealed defect. Two coaches and two sleepers turned over. The engine, mail and baggage cars did not leave the track.

"The passengers reported killed are: John A. Broadnax, Greensboro, N. C.; V. E. Holcomb, a lawyer of Mount Airy, N. C.; Edward Sexton, Denton, N. C.; Frank W. Kilby, Birmingham, Ala.; A. P. Cone, superintendent of Richmond division; C. B. Nolan, Pullman conductor; H. C. White, traveling auditor, Washington, D. C.; Ed. Bagby, Richmond, Va.; Richard Eames, New Yori City; Isaac Damalles, porter on Rich mond sleeper.

"One unidentified, clean shave, white man about 24 years of age. Total reported dead eleven.

"Reported injured: John W. Philips, Petersburg, Va.; David P. McBrayer, Anderson, S. C.; Alva L. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.; William Kimmens, Davidson College, N. C.; Sutral Watson, Baskerville, Va.; Arthur Watson, Baskerville, Va.; Robert Russell, 14 East 41st street, New York; Mrs. H. T. Cook, Norfolk, Va.; F. Smith, Spencer, N. C.; H. L. Stribling, Atlanta, Ga.; Richard Dobie, Norfolk, Va.; W. T. DeBerry, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Robert Edmonds, New Orleans, La.; Robert Edmond, Jr., New Orleans, La.; Philip Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. D. B. Hill, colored, Redisville, N. C.; Thomas W. Eldridge, baggage master, Richmond, Va.; Burton Marye, roadmaster, Richmond, Va; Thomas V. Chalkley, Richmond, Va.; George B. Wagoner, Danville, Va.; W. T. Carroll, ticket agent, Norfolk, Va.; H. L. Wood, Pullman superintendent, Norfolk, Va.; W. T. Carter, traveling auditor, Danville, Va.; Jonas Anderson, colored porter, Norfolk, Va. Total reported injured 24.

The track was cleared and all trains moving at 6:30 P. M."

Fireman Pickard's Career.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—The fireman of No. 11, a part of which went over Reddy Fork trestle near Greensboro this morning with the result that nearly a score of lives were lost and many other persons injured, is a Charlotte boy. He made his way to Greensboro soon as possible after the wreck and telephoned to relatives here that he was safe. He was scheduled to bring No. 11 into Spencer and come on to Charlotte tomorrow.

Fireman Pickard bears a charmed life. He was the regular fireman on the engine that killed President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern, and others on Thanksgiving Day a few years ago; but because of his desire to spend Thanksgiving Day at home had swapped runs with another man. The man with whom he swapped was killed.

Several years ago, when No. 97, the Southern's fast mail tumbled over the trestle over Dan river, just south of Danville, Pickard was there. He was one of the few men on the train who escaped death. And in the wreck this morning he was unscratched.

Buy your toys, fireworks and Christmas goods at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge. Store open until 9 P. M. **

WOMAN INJURED IN BAD RUNAWAY

Mrs A. B. Andrews and Companion Thrown From Carriage in Raleigh.

COL. C. H. GATTIS PROMOTED

General Passenger Agent Georgia & Florida—Will of Mrs. Tucker. Library Report—Charters Granted—Other News.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Mrs. A. B. Andrews, wife of the first vice president of the Southern Railway Company, was very painfully, but it is thought not dongerously, hurt this evening in a runaway accident. She was driving down Hillsboro street in her carriage with Mrs. John H. Andrews, when the horses shied from a pile of building material on the grounds of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The driver was thrown from the boot and the frightened animals dashed off toward Capitol Square, running against a telephone pole as they turned into Salisbury street.

Both ladies were thrown out on the ground and Mrs. A. B. Andrews was painfully hurt about the head and shaken up terribly. Mrs. John Andrews was only slightly injured. The carriage was a new and very handsome one and was broken to pieces. The horses ran five blocks.

The will of the late Mrs. Florence P. Tucker makes ex-Judge T. B. Womack and Cary K. Durfey trustees for her properties of real estate, stocks and bonds, aggregating nearly one million dollars. The trust is for her children, who share equally; Mrs. John H. Winder, Mrs. James Boylan, Mrs. Ashby Baker, Mrs. E. H. Fellows, Mrs. W. H. Williamson, and three children of the late W. T. Tucker.

A host of friends in Raleigh and throughout the State will learn with regret that Mr. C. H. Gattis, district passenger agent for the Seaboard Air Line, has resigned his position to become general passenger agent for The Georgia & Florida Railroad, with headquarters in Savannah. It is understood that the change is effective January 1st. The advancement of Mr. Gattis in railroad service has been steady from office boy in the local offices here through all the grades of service to the agent in charge of the office and then to traveling passenger agent in charge of this Seaboard district. Aggressive business methods and a diligent care for the comfort and convenience of the patrons of the road whom he served have given him highest rank with both the railroad company and the people. His loss to this city and section is especially regretted but there is gratification at this decided promotion, so much deserved, that has come to him.

The annual report of the Olivia Raney Library presented last night to the board of trustees, shows an average daily circulation of 90 volumes; with fiction constituting about 89 per cent.; religion 1.10 per cent; history 1.34 per cent., and other scattered topics in even lower per cents. There are 9,683 volumes in the library. A movement was definitely launched to provide a children's reading room, provide larger numbers of books especially adapted for children and place an assistant regularly in charge of the children's department who is especially adapted for this work. The revenue of the library was $3,072, the annual city appropriation being $2,000. The first floor of the building yields $750 rentals.

Governor Kitchin returned this afternoon from Scotland Neck where he spent the past week with his mother and other relatives. Incidentally he looked after some personal business matters there.

Official notice went out from the office of Adjutant General J. F. Armfield today in Circular 11, to the effect that the War Department will forward at an early date one copy each of Problems 1 to 7, inclusive, Part 1, Course in Tactics, Army School of the Line, and that the two-inch maps contained therein will be found better than the four-inch maps that accompany the Studies in Minor Tactics. Detailed instruction is given as to the distribution of these copies among the officers.

Three charters were granted today. The Forester Mercantile Co., North Wilkesboro, capital $5,500, by F. C. Forester and others; The Grand Duke's Commercial Association, Reidsville, for mercantile business, capital $5,000 by J. G. Martin and others; The Townsville Mercantile Co., Vance county, capital $25,000, by A. S. Jones and others.

The directors of the State penitentiary have just sold 500 bales of cotton for $37,500 and 35 tons of cotton seed for $14,000, rounding up $51,500. This leaves about 600 bales still on hand, being held for higher prices. The sale was to a Norfolk firm.

William A. Syme, State oil chemist under the North Carolina illuminating oil inspection act, is in a desperate condition at the Rex Hospital here with little prospect for recovery. He underwent an operation for appendicitis and dangerous complications have developed.

One lot of Boys' Indian Suits just received, $1.25 at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge. **

WILD DISORDER IN ZELAYA CAPITAL

Free Fight Among Government and Anti-Government Elements.

MADRIZ OPENLY DENOUNCED

Speech of Alderman Favoring Revolution Started the Trouble Anew. Pistol Shots Were Fired. Several Arrests.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—There were scenes of wild disorder in Managua, the capital again last night. During a meeting of the aldermen one of them made a speech denouncing Madriz and favoring the revolution.

The speech was greeted with cheers and hooting and a free fight among the government and anti-government elements followed. Two pistol shots were fired. The row extended to the street. Twenty arrests were made.

The speech of the alderman which started the trouble was of the fiery order of oratory. The speaker handled Madriz without gloves as one who would not be accepted by the insurgents as a president of Nicaragua.

The revolution, Estrada and his officers and men were lauded by the speaker, who boldly asserted his sympathy for the insurgent cause. His remarks were received with cheers by many while other members of the aldermanic chamber gave vent to a contrary sentiment by hooting. The result of this was inevitable, and in a few moments a fist fight was on, and numberless blows were struck. In the melee two shots were fired, but whatever damage was done has been concealed. When the shooting occurred the police intervened and succeeded in arresting 20 of the fighters. The soldiers were also called out to preserve order in the streets where the quarrel of the aldermen had been taken up by partisans. Throughout the night the streets were filled with soldiers and a systematic search for concealed weapons was made upon every one who ventured from his home.

Prairie Sails Today.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—The United States transport Prairie, which was scheduled to sail late this afternoon for Colon, is still lying at the Philadelphia navy yard with the 700 marines and all munitions of war on board. It was announced tonight that the Prairie would positively sail at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

It is believed that the change of plans was due to a desire on the part of the naval authorities to prevent a possible recurrence of the Pea Patch Island misfortune, and for this reason they decided to take the vessel through the Deleware shoals in day light instead of at night.

The Prairie had steam up and was ready for sailing when orders were received delaying the departure of the vessel until tomorrow.

NAVY EQUAL TO ARMY.

Winhtrop Wants Naval Militia Increased to 10,000 Men.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Assistant Secretary Winthrop, of the Navy Department, would have the naval militia increased from 6,300 to 10,000 and would have it placed upon the same footing with reference to the navy that the land militia occupies toward the army.

He was before the House Committee on Naval Affairs today and advocated an increase of $25,000 over the estimate of $100,000 made by the Department. He expressed the opinion that in time of war the naval militia should be available for service on the sea as the land militia is on land, a view which accords with a bill by Chairman Foss upon which the committee acted favorably in the last Congress. Mr. Winthrop's views were apparently received by the committee with favor.

OUTLINES.

Twelve people were killed and 25 injured yesterday morning near Greensboro, when Southern train No. 11, local between Richmond and Atlanta, jumped a trestle; the fearful accident was due to a defective rail——At a busy session of Congress yesterday the Esch bill was passed requiring railroads to report accidents monthly to the Inter State Commerce Commission and to provide uniform equipment——Arbuckle Brothers have paid to the Government over a half million, which the company acknowledged to be due, on account of failure to pay customs charges on sugar imports. Over two million back money has been paid to the Government recently——The American and National Baseball Associations held annual meetings yesterday. The clubs owners have been unable to decide upon a president for the National League——Congressman Claude Kitchin introduced a bill in Congress yesterday——The transport Prairie has been ordered to the Canal Zone with 700 marines.

New York markets: Money on call firm 4 1-2 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 7-8, closing bid 4 3-4, offered at 4 3-4; cotton spot closed quiet 5 points higher, middling uplands 15.15, middling gulf 15.40; flour steady; wheat steady No. 2 red 1.27 elevator and 1.26 1-2 f. o. b. afloat nominal; corn spot steady, No. 2 70 1-2 elevator domestic, 71 delivered and 68 f. o. b. afloat, all nominal; rosin quiet, turpentine easy.

MEETING OF MAJOR LEAGUES

National League Still Unable to Decide Upon President—Ward Commands Most Votes—American Clubs Had Good Year.

New York, Dec. 15.—The National League of professional baseball clubs is still talking today. The American League met today, transacted its business with dispatch and adjourned until next year; but the senior organization, deadlocked over the selection of a president, adjourned until tomorrow morning.

The club owners got as far as the election of officers, but no farther and the situation with regard to the National League presidency remains unchanged.

John M. Ward, commands four votes, John A. Heydler, the present incumbent, commands three votes and one club owner—Robison, of St. Louis—refuses to say for whom he will vote, although it is predicted that he will vote for Heydler. There seems to be no awakening in the ranks of the men for or against Heydler. In some ways it looks like a compromise candidate.

With the presidential situation undecided the National League magnates of necessity confined themselves to routine matters today. Horace Fogel, representing the new owners of the Philadelphia Club, was admitted to the meeting, but many of the club owners were not satisfied with his statement that Charles W. Murphy, of Chicago, and Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, are not the new purchasers. They are seeking more information along this line. The new club was admitted to membership, however, and Fogel named the officers as being himself as president, Frank B. Elliott, vice president; Morris Sheck, secretary and treasurer, I. Schawrt and W. Conway, directors.

The claim of the New York Club owners against the Philadelphia Club for damages sustained when the Philadelphias forfeited a game at the Polo grounds, October 4th last, was referred to the new owners, as was William W. Murray's claim against the old Philadelphia corporation to carry out its two year contract with him. President Heydler announced that players Moren, Doolan and Knabe, who were fined for their conduct in the game of October 4th, had not as yet paid their fines, and would be ineligible to play in the National League until these were paid. The League decided to bestow a lump sum not specified, on an inavlid sister of the late President Harry Pulliam and to give her the interest of $5,000 a year during her life time.

Heydler submitted his annual report in which he deplored the many protests of games. He argued that club owners should show the same consideration to the umpires that they do to players who lose games.

The behavior of the players on the diamond last season was better than ever before, said Heydler.

Figures submitted in the report show that the receipts of the National League Clubs last season were just 100 per cent more than in 1903.

The American League meeting recommended the adoption of a schedule of 154 games for next season.

Joe Cantillon, former manager of the Washington Club, was exonerated of the charge of disloyalty to the league.

The club owners passed upon the question of wearing spikes to President Johnson and Charles Comisky with power to act for the American League. Charles Somers, of Cleveland, was unanimously re-elected vice president of the league.

The next meeting will be held in National League Club unconditionally Chicago in February. The Boston Club released Catcher Al Shaw and the St. Louis Americans will release Second Baseman Williams, to Minneapolis, if they can get waivers on him. The Cincinnati Club sold Catcher Frank Roth to Minneapolis and Third Baseman Dolan and Pitcher Lower to Denver.

Ed Ashenback, of Altoona, has signed to manage the Syracuse Club and George Heckert, Harrisburg's manager last season, will guide the Trenton Tri-State League Club.

The Baseball Writers' Association of America at its first annual meeting this afternoon re-elected all officers.

TO RELEASE PHILIPPINES.

Is Object of Bill Introduced by Texas Congressman.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Burgess, of Texas, today introduced in the House a joint resolution declaring that the United States shall cease to exercise sovereignty over the Philippine Islands and by treaty with foreign nations set up and maintain there a free and independent government. The resolution requests the President of the United States to consider the expediency of opening negotiations with Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Spain and Japan for a joint treaty, providing for the recognition and preservation of such a government.

A coroner's jury at Roanoke yesterday rendered a verdict that B. B. Dillard, the well known Roanoke man, who last night killed himself in the presence of his wife, that Dillard came to his death from a gunshot wound from a revolver in his own hands, and that the shooting was accidental.

One lot of Boys' Indian Suits just received, $1.25 at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge. **

SUGAR COMPANY ADMITS FRAUDS

Arbuckle Brothers Pay $695,572 Back Money to The Government.

RECOVER OVER TWO MILLION

Result of the Recent Rigid Customs Investigation—Voluntary Payments Will Not Hamper Prosecution—Trial.

New York, Dec. 15.—Arbuckle Brothers, generally credited with being the largest independent rivals of the American Sugar Refining Company, have acknowledged that from 1898 to 1907, they, too, failed to pay the government all the money due as customs charges on imported sugar.

In settlement of all civil claims against them the Arbuckles have offered, and the Treasury Department with the concurrence of the Attorney General, has accepted, payment of $695,573.

But criminal prosecution of those responsible will in no wise be hampered or conditioned by this acceptance.

The government has now received the following voluntary restitutions and fines from importers of raw sugar:

The American Sugar Refining Co., (voluntary) $2,000,000; the American Sugar Refining Co. (fine imposed by the court), $135,000; Arbuckle Brothers, (voluntary) $695,573. Total recovered $2,830,573.

Today's announcement of new irregulariies in the sugar industry ramifying into quarters never suspected by the public, was made during a recess of the criminal trial of six employes of the American Sugar Refining Company. Messrs. Stimson and Dennison, special counsel for the government, then gave out a statement in part as follows:

"In June last we commenced an investigation as to the weights on which duties were paid on sugar landed on the docks of the sugar refinery of Messrs. Arbuckle Brothers in the port of New York. The members of that firm voluntarily gave us access to their books and a thorough investigation was made of those books and of the customs house record.

As a result a shortage was reported to the members of the firm and as soon as they had verified the government's figures, they voluntarily offered to pay this sum without suit into the Treasury of the United States government."

The statement purposely omits any reference to the methods by which the frauds disclosed were effected. "The matter is now pending before the grand jury" was the only reply Mr. Stimson would vouchsafe to all inquiries.

In the trial of James F. Bendernagel, Thomas Kehoe and four other employes of the American Sugar Refining Company for the alleged share in similar frauds, both prosecution and defense, rested their cases today and summing up will begin tomorrow. The case probably will go to the jury Friday.

Richard Whalley, formerly an employe on the sugar company's docks, but who is testifying for the prosecution, swore today that he and John R. Coyle, one of the defendants had the following conversation in a saloon shortly after the raid on the docks was made by Richard Parr, the special treasury agent.

Coyle—They got Kehoe with the goods; I would not mind if it was anyone else, but Kehoe will squeal, and we will all go up the river.

Whalley—Are you sure they got the goods on him?

Coyle—Yes, Parr has it in his pocket.

DEFER NICARAGUA MATTER.

Senate Investigation Postponed at Request of Secretary Knox.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary of State Knox has requested the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to postpone the suggested investigation of the Nicaragua situation until such time as things shall have eventuated so as to enable him to give to the committee a clear understanding of Central American affairs.

The committee was called together today by Chairman Clummon with the idea of having Secretary Knox make some statement which would acquaint the members with the exact siutation in Nicaragua.

The Secretary asked for a postponement of the meeting for a week or more and the committee acquiesced.

Because of the request of Secretary Knox, the resolution introduced by Senator Rayner, in connection with the execution by order of President Zelaya of the two Americans, Cannon and Groce, was not taken up today.

$15,000 BLAZE AT SHELBY

The Shelby Machine Foundry Destroyed by Fire Yesterday.

Shelby, N. C., Dec. 15.—The plant of the Shelby Machine Foundry was destroyed early this morning by a fire of unknown origin. The estimated loss is $15,000 with $6,100 insurance. The ice plant adjoining was saved only through exceeding hard work of the fire-fighting citizens and the efficiency of the waterworks system.

RAILROAD BILL IS PASSED IN HOUSE

Must Provide Uniform Equipment and Report Accidents Monthly.

PANAMA BILL CONSIDERED

Opposition to Section of Esch Railroad Bill—Busy Session of House Yesterday—Other Features in the House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Sitting until after nightfall, the House buckled down to business today, passed the Esch bill requiring railroads to make full monthly reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission of all accidents and a measure giving the commission power to compel railroads to provide uniform equipment for their cars and then took up for consideration the Mann Panama Canal bill on which the general debate was concluded before adjournment.

Considerable opposition developed to section four of the Esch bill, prohibiting the admission as evidence of the use in any action for damages of the reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission of investigations of accidents provided for in the measure, Chairman Mann urged that it be allowed to remain in the bill unamended in order to encourage railroad companies to give the commission the benefit of their fullest information of accidents.

Several amendments calculated to modify or destroy the section were defeated. The bill becomes effective immediately.

When the Panama Canal bill was reported by the committee on inter-State and foreign commerce, the House immediately resolved itself into the committee of the whole for its consideration. Its author, Representative Mann, of Illinois, explained its provisions, after which general debate was begun.

The abolishment of the Isthmian Canal Commission and the centralization of responsibility and authority for the construction of the canal and the government of the canal zone under the President, in a director general, were bitterly opposed by several representatives. It was contended that Congress had no power to delegate legislative or judicial authority to the President and Representative Harrison, of New York, charged that President Roosevelt had assumed the role of "dictator" and urged authority on the canal zone he did not possess.

Representative Olmstead, of Pennsylvania, rushed to the ex-President with a defense and insisted that Mr. Roosevelt had not exceeded his authority. Mr. Mann also declared that in acts of Congress and in the treaty between the United States and Panama could be found justification for Mr. Roosevelt's actions.

The section of the bill relating to the judicial power on the zone, which as amended by the committee confers that power in one Circuit Court and such inferior courts as the President may constitute, also was the object of attack.

Representative Sterling, of Illinois, endeavored to show that there was work enough for the three circuit judges now on the zone and Representative Parker, New Jersey, chairman of the judiciary committe, said he did not approve of that section of the bill as it had been amended by the committee.

Before the House arose from the committee of the whole the reading of the bill had begun with the understanding that it would be taken up again soon after the holiday recess.

White Slave Traffic.

The effort of the present Congress to suppress the "white slave traffic" has caused a materialization of the ancient spector of "State's rights" and the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, before which the Mann bill is pending, is at absolute loggerheads over the question.

Such strong objection on the part of the Democratic members of the committee has been manifested that Chairman Mann and his Republican associates have abandoned temporarily all efforts to obtain early action on the measure and it has gone over until the next meeting of the committee on Friday of this week.

Representative Richardson, of Alabama, takes the position that the bill constitutes an effort by the Federal government to regulate the morals of the State. He declares that if the bill becomes a law there are no limits to which the Federal government might not go to in regulating the morals and health of a sovereign State. Mr. Richardson is supported in his opposition by Representatives Bartlett and Adamson, of Georgia, who in yesterday's meeting of the committee strenuously assailed the inter-State feature of the Mann bill. It was contended that the States themselves were amply able to control the "white slave traffic."

It was stated today by a member of the committee that unless the minority members are successful in their fight in committee they will present a minority report on the bill and carry it to the floor of the House.

The Mann bill aims to suppress he "white slave traffic" by prohibiting transportation of women of that class

from one State to another.

The House Committee on Immigration is also colliding with a few obstacles in its consideration of the "white slave" question.

When the committee took up this Bennett bill today it was found that that measure clashes in many ways with the Mann bill now before the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and an effort to reach an agreement between the two committees on the subject was undertaken.

The immigration committee named a sub-committee of three members—Hayes, of California; Gardner, of Massachusetts, and Burnett, of Alabama—to confer informally with the members of Mr. Mann's committee and endeavor to influence the withdrawal of the Mann measure with the understanding that the Immigration committee would, in turn, report the Bennett bill favorably to the House.

The Immigration committee will hold another meeting tomorrow when the report of the sub-committee will be made. The members of the Immigration committee are unanimous, it is stated, in the feeling that their committee is the proper one for the consideration of bills aiming at the suppression of the "white slave traffic" and that it is a stretch of jurisdiction for the Interstate Commerce committee to assume such rights.

DEATH OF A CHILD.

Sad Death of Child at Spring Hope Yesterday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Spring Hope, N. C., Dec. 15.—A very sad death took place her yesterday morning early when little Dorothy Richardson, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Richardson, died. The little girl, who was one of Spring Hope's prettiest and most attractive children, had been sick for a day or two with something like croup, but no uneasiness was felt about her condition. Her death yesterday morning was sudden and unexpected. Mr. Richardson, who is president of the Spring Hope Banking Company, and a member of the firm of Richardson, Taylor & Co., and Mrs. Richardson have the sympathy of a host of friends. This correspondent feels a personal loss in the death of this little girl. A number of times last Summer it was his privilege to romp and play on the lawn, which was just across the street from his boarding place, with the little girl, her little sister, Sadie, and a smaller brother, Winstead. It was delightful to see the devotion of the father to the little children, and those who knew the family best are sore at heart because of their grief.

BAN ON STANDARD OIL.

Secretary of War Forbids Any Purchases From Monopoly.

(Special to The World.)

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary of War Dickinson dealt the Standard Oil Company a blow today when he issued an order forbidding the purchase of oils, grease and other products of petroleum from the recognized agents of the Standard Oil Company and its various branches.

In explaining his order Secretary Dickinson said that he had not constituted himself the judge of which of the various commodities used by the army could be considered the products of a trust, but that the decision handed down November 20th in the United States Circuit Court in which the Standard was decided to be a trust in restraint of trade gave him the right to make such an order.

The form taken by this embargo on the Standard is an extension of the order issued last summer instructing the Commissary Department to cease purchasing from the American Tobacco Company. The order against the Standard is more far reaching than that against the Tobacco Trust. The latter sold only to the Commissary Department. The Standard counts among its customers every branch of the military service.

SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

Twenty Appeals Decided Yesterday—Expected Adjournment.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Decisions in twenty appeals were announced this afternoon by the Supreme Court as follows: Barger vs. Barringer, Catawba, new trial; Cooperage Co. vs. Lumber Co., Pamlico, affirmed; Stern vs. Benbow, Guilford, affirmed; Tyson vs. Salisbury, Rowan, affirmed; Farris vs. Railway, Rutherford, affirmed; Corporation Commission vs. Southern Railway, Burke, reversed; Guy vs. Casualty Co., McDowell, new trial; Hefner vs. Railway, McDowell, affirmed; McFarland vs. Cornwell, Polk, affirmed; State vs. Swink, Buncombe, new trial; In re Turner, Buncombe, affirmed; Slayden vs. Lance, Buncombe, affirmed; State vs. Ferguson, Forsyth, dismissed under Rule 17; Hudson vs. Railway, Burke, per curiam, affirmed; Noblett vs. Noblett, Rutherfordton, per curiam, affirmed; Hollingsworth vs. Chadwick, Mecklenburg, per curiam, affirmed; Lowery vs. Railroad, McDowell, per curiam, affirmed on authority of Kimberly vs. Howland, 143 N. C. 398. It is expected adjournment for the term will be Saturday or Monday.

HEFLIN'S "JIM CROW" BILL.

Wants Separate Street Cars for the White and Colored in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Heflin, of Alabama, again introduced his bill today making it mandatory for the street car companies of the District of Columbia to provide "Jim Crow" or separate street cars for whites and negroes. His bill provides a fine of $100 for permitting whites and negroes on the same cars. Mr. Heflin a few years ago had an altercation with a negro on a Washington street car as a result of which he drew a revolver and shot the negro.

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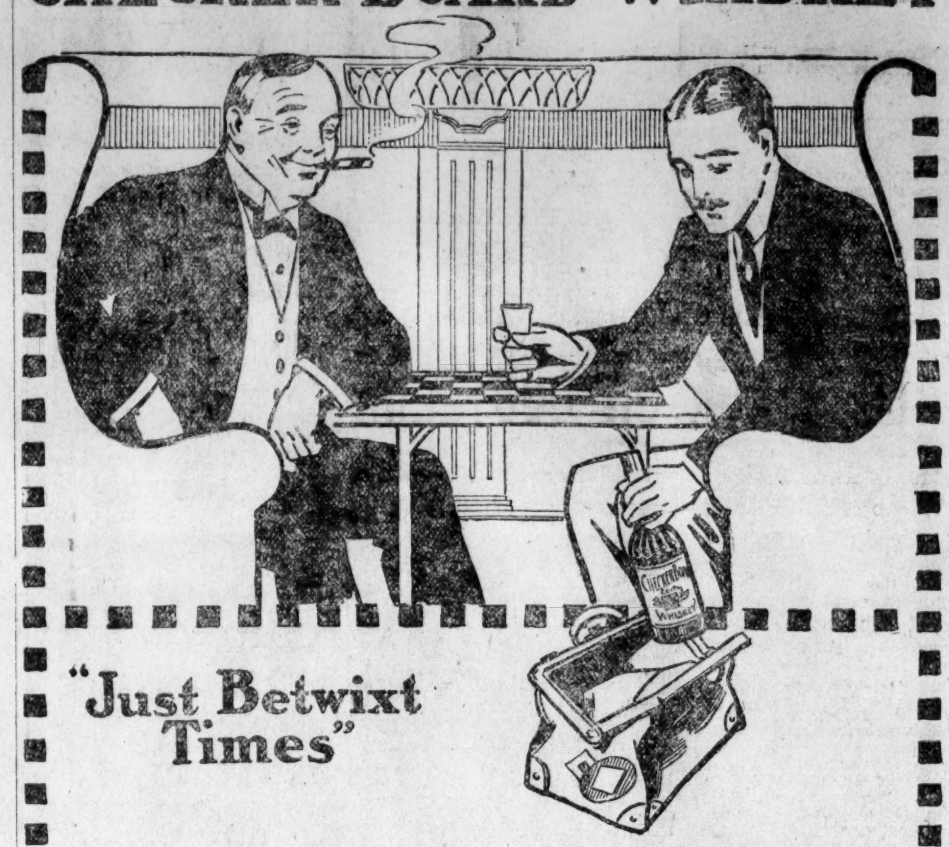

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ELLIS SENT TO PRISON

Slayer of Indianapolis Man, Convicted of Manslaughter—Sentenced.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 15.—Judge Lea today sentenced W. Y. Ellis, who pleaded guilty to killing N. P. Willis, of Indianapolis, to serve three years in the penitentiary.

Ellis killed Willis on July 27th in the Circuit Court room during a trial in which Willis was attempting to procure possession of his daughter from Mrs. Ellis, his former wife. Several persons, including United States Senator Davis, narrowly escaped death when Ellis shot Willis.

Judge Lea in sentencing Ellis said that while Ellis in his opinion should suffer the full punishment for manslaughter, he would make the sentence three years because physicians recommended that Ellis was suffering of tuberculosis. Petitions are being circulated in Arkansas asking that Ellis be pardoned.

KITCHIN INTRODUCES BILL.

To Prevent Removing Certain Actions From State Courts.

Washington, Dec. 15.—To make it impossible to remove from the courts of a State to those of the United States an action brought by an individual or corporation against a corporation of another State or foreign country, maintaining offices or agents in the State in which the suit was brought, was the object of a bill introduced today by Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina. The bill is in line with the laws of many States.

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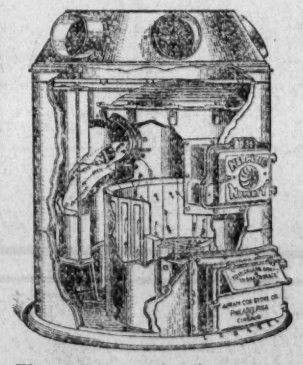

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THE STATE IN EPITOME

¶News, Comment and Incidents as Reflected in North Carolina. : : : : : : : : : :

Wants Damage for Punching.

Winston-Salem Journal: "I left his picture in the potato patch," J. E. Charles is said to have boasted, and John E. Swain is suing him for $2,000 damages. It seems that Swain and Charles had a dispute about a debt and that the dispute culminated in blows, one of which, it is claimed, left Swaim flat on the ground. Charles then boasted of the fact, according to some folks, and that didn't set well with Swaim. The assault is alleged to have been committed November 16, 1907, in Waughtown. His suit for damages is based on the allegaion that his eyesight is permanently impaired as a result of the scrap, and he is demanding damages. The case was brought up in court yesterday afternoon, but it was not finished and will be on hand this morning.

Charlotte Treatment for "Special Agents."

Charlotte News: Mr. Jones, charged with shooting Mr. W. L. Felder early this morning at the Southern station, was seen this afternoon in his cell at the police station, after he had consulted with Mr. R. G. Lucas, of the firm of Osborne, Lucas & Cocks which he has retained in his defense, and he made a statement that the shooting of Mr. Felder was an accident. He said that special agents were always around, and that when Mr. Kreeger saw Mr. Felder looking in the window of the express office he remarked that "there is one of them now." He said he looked and could only see the outline of the man standing at he window but could not distinguish whether he was white or black, and that he fired simply to frighten him. He said he did not point the pistol towards the form but pointed it downward and supposed the bullet glanced and hit Mr. Felder.

Ministers Go North.

Charlotte Observer: To engage in a study of institutional churches, Rev. Dr. H. K. Boyer, presiding elder of Charlotte District, Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, and Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the North Charlotte Methodist church, left last night for Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Institutional churches are those which accord special attention not only to the directly religious needs of the people among whom they are located, but to the social, physical and mental needs as well, their scope in this respect resembling somewhat that of the welfare work of the Y. M. C. A. and other similar organizations. As the local public is aware, an institutional church is to be built in North Carolina in the near future. Messrs. Boyer and Goode will familiarize themselves with the best methods in use where such institutions are doing notably successful and effective work. Mr. C. W. Johnston, president of the Highland Park mills, some time ago contributed $25,000 for the North Charlotte church and the Methodists will increase this.

Infected Cattle Brought In.

Charlotte Observer: Perhaps the most important matter presented to court yesterday mornng was the matter of shipping cattle from infected areas to free areas, indictments having been brought against Messrs. J. W. Whitake and R. G. McManus, of Charlotte, W. M. Wallup and S. A. Crane, of Waxhaw, and John E. Craig, of Lancaster, S. C. All of the dealers pleaded guilty it being in evidence that Mr. Whitaker shipped into Charlotte two cars of "ticky" cattle from Chattanooga, Tenn., October 2 and 3, and Mr. McManus brought in some infected cattle from South Carolina last May. The others indicted for driving cattle from infected into free areas contrary to the interstate quarantine regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture. Dr. T. M. Owen, of Raleigh, representing the department, was here to look after the matter. Judgment was suspended. The law permits the shipping of infected cattle, but only for "immediate slaughter." Charlotte has no arrangement for "immediate slaughter" and hence the infraction.

BUTLER FIGHTING ADAMS.

Republican Worthies Convey Their Personal Feud to Washington.

(Asheville Gazette-News.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Marion Butler is on the warpath. He makes no bones of the fact that he is going to put up the fight of his life to prevent the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Spencer B. Adams, as district attorney of the Western North Carolina district when it is sent to the Senate early in the new year. It is taken for granted here that Adams is going to receive the appointment, though it is whispered about Washington that Mr. Duncan has given his endorsement to Thomas S. Rollins, and that the national committeeman will do his utmost to break up the programme. The President promised Judge Adams last Winter that he would give him the district attorneyship, but at that time his principal supporter was Duncan. Now the State chairman and the national committeeman do not speak and what is more, their relations are so estranged that it would not be surprising should Duncan come out in the open field and fight for Rollins as against Adams. But to get back to the story. It is the best belief here that Adams will be named as Holton's successor. He is entitled to consideration by virtue of his position as State chairman, and it is doubtful whether he can be defeated. Butler will also make the fight to prevent Adams' nomination, but he is staking his all that the organization leader will never be able to secure a sufficient number of Senators to bring about his confirmation. The "old fox" is preparing a plan of campaign, and is freely discussing the subject with those he comes in contact. His service as Senator stands him in good stead, and gives him an advantage over an outsider. Butler has served with many of those now in the Senate, and those who know him say that he is going to carry the contest to the limit. Judge Adams is a good fighter and he has a number of friends among the Republicans in the Senate. It is said that Senator Dixon, of Montana, will be with him. He is some fighter himself.

A CRUEL "BUNCO."

White Man Gives 6 0Cents to Alleged Blind Tiger, Receiving Vinegar.

(Asheville Gazette-News.)

Saturday evening a white man well up in years but withal a disgusted look on his face ,searched out Patrolman Blackstock of the Asheville police force and complained bitterly that a "bunco game," a "gold brick" stunt had been perpetrated on him; that he had been defrauded out of 60 cents; that the person guilty of the fraud was a negro and that he wanted said negro taken into custody and dealt with severely. The person who had committed the alleged fraud was pointed out to the officer but immediately that dark-hued individual took to his heels and disappeared around a corner. Then the officer made investigation. He learned from the defrauded individual that the "bunco game" the fraud consisted in a little "blind tiger" transaction whereby the white man purchasing what he thought was a nice pint of yellow corn liquor really received in exchange for his 60 cents a pint of apple vinegar of excellent quality. He had simply been done out of 60 cents and he wasn't game enough to take his medicine. The fellow who had bought vinegar for liquor was given the horse-laugh by several persons standing about on the square at the time of the transaction and not relishing this sort of reception he simply placed his bottle of vinegar next the curb on the street and faded away. It is said that the white man eased onto the square Saturday evening very dry. He was looking for a drink and he didn't know where to find it. He espied a negro and approaching asked if there "was anything doing", so 'tis said. The negro in effect replied, yes; that he had a little; that, in effect, one must be mighty cautious however, in trafficking in the illegal ware and for the transaction to be made right quick. The bottle was passed over and in exchange 60 cents went into the negro's hand. The man wanted a drink. He was old. He didn't do a thing but open up and take a drink and then it was that he discovered that he had bought vinegar for yellow corn liquor.

MIXED BIKERS COLLIDE.

White and Black Cyclists Bump the Bumps.

(Asheville Citizen.)

In seeking to break bicycle records yesterday Hewlin Snyder, white, and Buddie Rarumple, colored, nearly broke their heads when their wheels collided at the junction of College street and Lexington avenue and a large crowd gathered expecting to serve on the coroner's jury. Aside from possible injury to the pavement no permanent damage was done although the boys were bruised and stunned. One of the boys was wheeling down Lexington avenue and the other was coming at an equally fast gait down College street and each seeing the roadway immediately in front of him clear concluded he could keep up a high speed across the junction. Each rider was blowing his horn and after the custom of delivery boys, pretending to himself that he was driving a 120 horse power emergency braked automobile, and it was in this manner that they came together with a crash of metal. Hewlin made a straight dive for the bitulithic where he lighted on his cranium with slight injury, while Buddie's body went up and made a parabola before he plunged down on top of his head on the pavement. Hewlin staggered around dazedly but Buddie lay still and the spectators carried him into a soft drink place and stretched him out on the counter for dead. When Dr. W. P. Whittington arrived he found Hewlin much staggered by his fall and a trifle uncertain whether he was living or dead and Buddie had two bumps on his head the size of small cocoanuts. He soon recovered consciousness, however, and the doctor said that he had suffered no permanent damage.

BASKETBALLISTS ON TOUR.

Charlotte Y. M. C. A. to Tackle Southern Circuit.

(Charlotte News.)

A very fast game of basket ball will undoubtedly be played Saturday night, in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. when the Y's play the A's in their second game of the local basket ball tournament. The last time these two teams met the Y's were victorious by one point. The game was scheduled for Friday night but on account of gymnasium classes that evening, the game will be played Saturday night, and the game formerly scheduled for Saturday night will be played on some later date. Manager Stewart, of the Y. M. C. A. team has arranged a trip for his team. The team will leave here next Monday morning and play their first game in Augusta on the 21st. From Augusta they go to Atlanta and play the Atlanta Athletic Club's team on the 22nd, and on the 23rd play at Columbus. Only the three games will be played, but all three will be with the strongest teams in the South, and if the team can win two of these games or even one they will be considered very strong.

HOT IN ASHEVILLE.

Though Blizzard Rages, Preacher Keeps Them Warm.

(Asheville Citizen.)

A large congregation assembled last night at the First Baptist Church and listened with marked attention to the interesting and powerful sermon of Dr. Hulten, the subject of which was "What We Know About Hell." He proved conclusively by scripture and reason that hell is literal and eternal. At the close of the sermon there were several conversions and six additions to the church. The meetings are growing in interest at every service and are being held each evening at 7:30 in the main auditorium of the church. All are invited to attend these services.

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Parrot Cages.
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Imported figured Enamel Cereal and Dinner Sets—High class ware, 30c set.
Figured Mugs, 15c.
Boys' Axes.
Hamilton Rifles, $1.50.
Shot Guns.
Razors—Gillette Safety in triple silver plated cases, $5.00.
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Clarke's Old Private Stock Corn,	3.85	7.00	4.75	13.00
Clarke's Sunny South Rye,	3.35	6.00	3.75	10.00
Clarke's Old Tar Heel Rye,	3.85	7.00	4.00	11.00
Clarke's Monogram Rye,	4.75	9.00	5.00	14.00
Sunny Brook Whiskey, (Bottled in Bond)	3.85	7.00	5.00	13.00
Clarke's Malt Whiskey,	3.85	7.00	4.00	11.00
Clarke's Medicinal Corn-Malt,	3.50	6.50	3.75	10.00
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Bank Building	25,000.00
N. C. State and other Bonds	170,420.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,408,349.42
	$6,226,412.40

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 550,000.00
Surplus and Net Profit	351,423.93
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
Deposits	4,674,988.47
	$6,226,412.40

DEPOSITS.

November 16th, 1907	$2,125,502.71
November 16th, 1908	$3,075,047.52
November 16th, 1909	$4,674,988.47

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SUNDAYS—Leave Front and Princess streets at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:10, 7:10 and 8:30 P. M.

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MR. BRYAN'S UNDIGNIFIED RETREAT.

From Lincoln, Neb., Mr. William Jennings Bryan, who had gone not more than knee-deep in the movement for National prohibition before he heard the ground swell of an approaching breaker, remarks hastily, after scurrying back to land, that he had no idea of urging prohibition as a paramount national issue, but that he "may be truthfully credited with a desire to assist in securing, for the several States, absolute and exclusive control over the liquor traffic—including control over all shipments of liquor as soon as the liquor enters the State."

Having so delivered himself, Mr. Bryan looks around the audience with his famous smile and "wants to know" how those who have been criticising his attitude will explain themselves in the light of their professed opposition to centralized power at the expense of the rights of the States.

The explanation is very simple, and the reason that Mr. Bryan desires it simpler still. It is simply that what Mr. Bryan proposes is not and has never been a matter of States' Rights. From the beginning of the government, the privilege of interstate commerce has been engrafted into the law of the land. Congress can regulate it, and Congress alone has the power to do so; but not even Congress can abolish the free movement of merchandise from one State to another. It may prescribe the method in which it may be moved; it may prescribe the manner in which it may be shipped and safeguard the way in which it may be delivered, but unless Mr. Bryan is as ignorant of the fundamental law of the land as he pretends on occasion to be, his idea of giving to the States exclusive control over shipments of liquor from the citizens of one State to the citizens of another, instead of amounting to a declaration in favor of States' Rights, is simply a declaration of dissatisfaction with the Constitution. This is quite in line with the Rooseveltian theory, whom Mr. Bryan resembles except that he makes the mistake of mixing idealism with the practicality of his politics. But neither the Roosevelt nor the Bryan theory can hold out to burn while the Supreme Court sits enthroned in Washington to interpret the Constitution. If Mr. Bryan were more sincere about his liquor attitude, he would say, even in full view of all the difficulties, that what is needed to effectuate what he claims to be his ideal is an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; not an attempted action by the legislative branch of the government, in plain violation of what is limited by the judicial branch. For an illustration of the difference between a lawyer and a more or less demagogic layman in executive capacity may be noted the course of Mr. Taft in demanding a Constitutional Amendment as the means of securing an income tax, and the statement of Roosevelt, along the same lines, that the unconstitutional thing should be done, not by expression of public will working its way with the fundamental law, but by "constitutional construction"—in other words, by dealing in a spirit of sophic evasion with what could not be honestly surmounted. In the same case is Bryan, according to his latest declaration of belief about liquor. It is entirely characteristic that, either half digesting the situation himself or willing for others to half digest what he knowingly puts forth as false doctrine, he now evades and denies the issue which every one reading his paper supposed him to be raising.

Petulantly remarks the Wadesboro Ansonian: "It is the general opinion that no dealer in near-beer can pay the $500 tax here and compete with those who sell the real article in defiance of law. Our people have educated tastes and wouldn't drink the slops called near-beer, even if the real article could not be procured." We hasten to reassure the Ansonian against its apparent fear that anyone supposes that the highly educated palates of Anson county could be fooled by any such insipid refreshment as "near-beer."

Judge Lurton seems to give general satisfaction, except to the News and Observer.

THE REAL RIGHT OF LABOR.

The theory of the labor union is that, by a process of making efficiency an incident to its membership, the employer is afforded a class of workmen who perform his business more easily, more quickly and more perfectly, at the total of a smaller price, proportioned on the work done; that by this means the individual skilled laborer is enabled to receive a higher wage for his work, instead of being forced to receive the proportionate lower wage of mixed skilled and unskilled workers.

That is the theory.

In practice the result too frequently is that in those lines of industry dependent on union labor, the membership is in fact not the skilled labor that it professes to be. At the same time, it has limited the supply, so that the employer must pay in many instances the price of skilled work to unskilled help.

That is the loss to the employer.

To the really skilled workman it happens in many instances that he is kept at work on the "scale" adopted by his union as the minimum to be paid its members, when in free competition he would receive a wage calculated upon his efficiency and output.

That is the hurt to the workman.

In giving sympathy to those who make the fight for the "open shop", we do not antagonize "labor unions". We recognize that they have done a great work in making labor respectable, in making it independent, and in making it hopeful and intelligent, instead of despairing and ignorant.

But when labor, as in the case of the Steel Corporation, and as declared by Mitchell in Toronto, declares for a monopoly of labor in the interest of union men, it enunciates a principle more perverse than the monopoly of those basic commodities which are necessary to life.

In the life of this country the saddest day that could happen would be that when the right to work should be made the subject of arbitrary control.

A BORN RAILROADER.

Practically the entire State will feel a personal plaesure in the news of the deserved promotion in the railway world of Charles Gattis, of the Seaboard Air Line. A very young man, (it seems but yesterday that he was office boy), he takes the responsible position of general passenger agent with the Georgia and Florida Railroad, an important system.

Mr. Gattis has made himself popular and efficient by understanding, as few men in the railway business have understood, that the railroads are run in the interest of the public as a necessary incident of being run to best advantage in the interest of their own stockholders. He possesses to a remarkable degree the rare quality of sinking his worries, and straightening the worries of others. None of the vexations attendant on railroad work has ever found him other than cheerful, helpful, and "on the job". He has "made good" to a marked extent; but his promotion is no measure of his real worth and value.

With him to his new work will go the good wishes of all with whom he has come in contact, thousands of whom will recall instances at his hands of those small but lasting courtesies that go to brighten human relations.

"BOTH OF 'EM LIARS."

The Charlotte Observer prints a Gastonia special, which tells the story of Mrs. D. J. Jackson, "hale at ninety-six", who is still active mentally and, among other interests, is keeping fully abreast of the controversy concerning the North Pole.

This calls to mind the case of a maiden lady, now nearing the ninetieth mile post and exceedingly tart of tongue as well as strong of mind. When Cook's announcement was given to the world, this old lady's nephew came home and announced, "Well, aunty, Dr. Cook has discovered the North Pole."

The old lady looked over her spectacles for one moment. "He's a liar", she said, and resumed her reading.

A few days later, her nephew came in and said: "Well, what do you think now? Peary says he found the Pole, too!"

Aunty laid down her paper impatiently: "It's a lie", she exclaimed. "They're both of 'em liars!"

We are not of those who profess a faith in the infallibility of years, nor yet depend ever on snap judgments. Recent events, however, would seem to indicate that this nonagenarian was shooting closer to the mark than some people thought at the time she dismissed the whole matter as unworthy of the contemplation of one who did not have any too much time left in which to think and inform herself.

Perhaps it was aeronaut Tillinghast's trial flights that brought on the "dreadnaught" spasm in England, following which the passage of the "Budget" precipitated a "revolution". "Great trees from little acorns grow."

King Leopold has thought better of it and decided to live awhile. We suspected that sermons with the wicked King of the Belgians as a text might prove a little premature.

LABOR UNIONS STRIKE HIGH.

It is somewhat disheartening to those who have been awaiting the long-delayed flood tide of prosperity to see it again encountering a headwind in the action of the conferees of the international labor unions in declaring open war upon the United States Steel Corporation, because the latter has declared that its labor policy shall be that of the "open shop."

By this, as we understand it, the Steel Corporation simply asserts the right guaranteed to all individuals and corporations to conduct their business without coercion. Abundant experience with labor unions has shown that the industry or enterprise small enough to be made to yield to demands inconsistent with its fuller and better development has been made to do so, when dependent upon labor union workmen. Legally, it is possible for any enterprise to declare that it will run an "open shop;" practically, it is difficult for any one to do so unless it has large capital and unless it can stand a long and disastrous fight. It is doubtless true that the Steel Corporation took this phase of the matter under full advisement; and that it concluded that the best time to declare its independence of the labor union was at a moment than which no other succeeding moment would afford opportunity of taking the step with less certainty of hurt. In "refusing to recognize" labor unions, was meant simply that the Steel Corporation would in future undertake to deal with the men it employs as individuals, and that it would not deal with them as a body; and, more than that, though a corollary to it, that it would reserve the right of employing its own labor, regardless of whether or not the individual did or did not belong to some particular union. Although, in the fervent pronunciamento and resolutions promulgated by the conferees assuming to speak for the several millions of workmen of all sorts in the United States and Canada, it is mentioned that the Steel workers have a grievance in reduced wages, the emphasis is not laid on that point, nor intended to be considered as being laid there. On the other hand, the right is declared of unionizing the steel works of the Corporation; of forcing it in the conduct of its business to deal with such representatives of labor as Mitchell, or Gompers, and, though it is not so stated in terms, of declaring that the United States Steel Corporation shall employ no labor that is not connected with and controlled by a central labor organization.

When it is remembered that of the something like thirty million laboring men in the United States, less than one-tenth is connected with any labor union, and that this one-tenth, from all trades, assumes through half a dozen conferees, all of them professional agitators, to declare paralyzed the business of a corporation that employs something like three hundred thousand men, the danger in the success of such a programme will be seen to be only less than its audacity. For years the labor unions have been gaining ground; industry after industry, timid in view of trouble in time of prosperity and afraid to stop its wheels for a time, has found itself all but shackled to the wheels of an ever growing despotism. As the largest of corporations, the steel company has set the pace for a revolt. In the outcome, which we do not consider doubtful, the heart of the country will beat, for its own safety, with good wishes for the business which, in the fight to perpetuate its own liberty, carries in large measure the hope of weaker industries to themselves preserve the shreds of their freedom.

The resolutions adopted call for a deliberate system of fomenting trouble among employes of the Steel Corporation by inducing them to become union men; for creating a sentiment, in advance of a foreshadowed general strike, to protect the already expected lawlessness; in throwing the mass of labor influence in a wedge play against Congress, Legislators, Governors of States. The forces of intimidation are marshalled; it remains only for the policy of persuasion and the coercion of threats to nerve the individual worker to throw up his job to temporarily paralyze a mammoth business in the hope of what is at best but a visionary advantage.

When the spokesmen of international labor appeal "to all the liberty-loving Americans for their moral end financial support" what is the liberty that they are demanding? No less a thing than that the sentiment of the country should grant them the liberty of organizing into powerful but irresponsible brotherhoods, led by men of political ambition, and thus organized to declare that only one-tenth of the laboring population of the country should be employed in the business of the country—unless, indeed, seeing that the one-tenth had control of their livelihood, the nine-tenths of independent laborers should come under the sway of the one-tenth. Thus, at a single blow, would all the carefully built structure of industry and manufacturing, conducted today upon a basis of labor efficiency and output without which the small percentage of profit over expenditure would be impossible, be forced to adjust itself to a status whereon its business would be managed for it, its wage scale established, and its theory subject to review by an element without a dollar of invested capital and with necessarily the most meager conception of the ends being sought. That demoralization lies here, no one except a labor unionist will hesitate toadmit.

ENGLISH BUDGET AND TARIFF.

A paragraph in the Charlotte Observer says:

"In the course of a speech in London Saturday Mr. Asquith quoted Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the 'budget represented the last effort of free trade finance against a tariff.' And at the present writing it would seem that the budget has failed."

We have all along seemed to see in the complicated English situation the fact that the real issue was a continuance of free trade or a protective tariff. If the "Budget" is defeated, the tariff is inevitable. It does not follow, however, either that the "Budget" is beaten because the Lords have left it to the people to say whether they wish it or not; nor, if the verdict should be in favor of the "Budget", does there follow that dissolution of the House of Lords, which some of our contemporaries so fondly predict.

The action of the English hereditary house in leaving to popular decision the question of a finance bill seriously affecting the pockets of the Lords themselves was, to our mind, an exhibition of a type of Democracy which we of the United States cannot fully appreciate, never having had the opportunity of experiencing it.

"Let Bryan alone, say we", says the Danville Register. Bryan won't be let alone, that's the trouble.

For a man who is absolutely without friends or backing, Zelaya has a most disconcerting habit of winning battles.

Governor Haskell is suffering with acute indigestion. Perhaps he has been feeding on the Oklahoma Constitution.

The Wrights' injunction suit against Glenn H. Curtiss is the final demonstration of the commerciability of the aeroplane.

Mrs. Brokaw says that she knows the taste of a cocktail, but never took one before breakfast. And yet she is described as being an "educated" woman.

Disastrous as the proposed Steel strike may be, there is the hope that the strength of the corporation attacked may serve to emphasize in the result the principle of the freedom of labor.

William Jennings Bryan has declared that he is not going to put on prohibition as a paramount issue. In other words, after taking a look in the glass, he was not satisfied with the fit of the hat.

The Senate is nothing if not solemnly humourous. We can imagine the gravity with which the members of that committee questioned the ex-book-maker as to just how a fellow went about it to lay a bet.

After all, the Nicaraguan police may be wise in their generation. A recent demonstration was left severely alone to "demonstrate". As a result tired lungs brought peace, where police interference might have merely prolonged the disturbance.

There has never yet been a man who, seeking long enough, could not find a better one. The American Federation of Labor, representing all told but a small percentage of the people who do the work of the country, is preparing to demonstrate this truth another time.

Miss Silvie Speer, who ran away with a chauffeur, has obtained a Georgia divorce and married again the same day. The expedition with which Miss Speer obtained a husband is explained by the statement that her father is "prominent in financial circles."

Gompers has signalized the stay of execution in his contempt case by fomenting trouble with the hundreds of thousands of employes of the United States Steel Corporation. The conviction grows that the care of the courts to give Gompers his full rights is a large part of the price that the people pay for the preservation of liberty.

Marion Butler either possesses a most expert press agent, or the Washington authorities are the easiest of "easy marks". For an individual so thoroughly discredited by all parties in his home State to still have even the show of influence in Washington, where everything is based on the possibility of return, is passing strange. Yet Butler still holds out to raise a noise.

Prohibition in Memphis.
(Columbia State.)

We quote the Memphis Commercial-Appeal: "All we have done is to permit liquor to be sold here without payment of a city license. We might as well give this matter some study. We have got to answer for it just as sure as the sun rises." About the same time we hear from the Charleston News and Courier that blind tigers do not open in that town on Sunday for the reason that they do not close on Saturday.

As the Memphis paper says, the question of flagrant law-breaking in that town should be given "some study." The condition there existing is infinitely more demoralizing than legalized saloons could be. The people have whiskey unrestrained, sold in many cases by men who could not have got licenses under the old regime, and they have, at the same time, open contempt for law.

Where does the responsibility rest? We assume that legal "prohibition" was forced on Memphis against popular sentiment and that the people are indifferent whether officers of the law enforce the statute. But what are the prohibitionists doing? If they do not take bold, aggressive stand for the enforcement of the prohibition law, what do they expect of those who opposed its passage? Are they content with only the name of prohibition? The law should be made effective; its flagrant violation, as described by the Memphis paper, will breed lawlessness in many other channels than the sale of liquor, and the blight may last for a generation.

Judge Bennett Celebrates the Rain.
(Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.)

When the prophet of old rushed to salute a shower long delayed he set an example precious and memorable.

Last night, as the great stars which form into clusters and constellations about this time united their blaze and heaven's windows discharged their precious contents, our people thanked the "Finisher of the rainbow" for his manifold mercies and blessings.

1881, 1883, 1884 and 1885 were dry years, the first as dry as this year, but the succession has had no duplicates.

Give us courage, oh Lord, to walk in thy statutes and obey thy commandments, for such is the price of rain in due season.

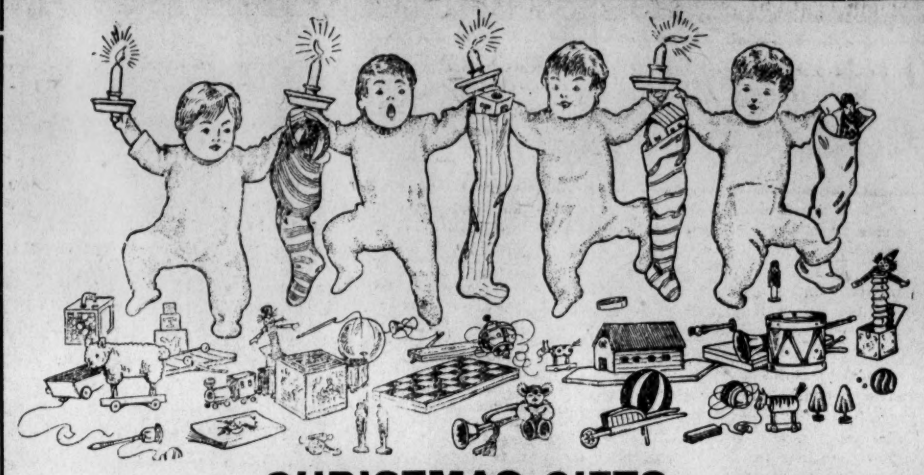
CURRENT COMMENT.

An Atlanta young women of wealth and station permitted just two minutes between her marriage ties. But then her first marriage was a run away affair with her father's chauffeur who was as noted for defying speed laws, so she was used to hurrying.—Columbia State.

Senator Rayner made a red-hot stump speech against Zelaya. Granting that all he said about the president of Nicaragua is true, when did the people of this country delegate to their agents in Washington the duty of mending the morals of Central America? Have we not got enough reform work at home to keep us busy for a while?—Columbia State.

The issue of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal for November 25th, published at Wilmington, by Mr. Z. W. Whitehead, gives the illustrated story of President Taft's reception in that city. It is published on finely calendered paper, is full of finely printed illustrations of people and street scenes, and does great credit to Mr. Whitehead's enterprise. It gives the complete story of the big event from beginning to end and is worth a place in the historical archives.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Apropos of the fact that dog meat is entering quite largely into the dietary of the poorer classes in France, Dr. Ascher writes to the New York Herald pointing out the interdict of the Mosaic law against the eating of any carnivorous animal, and concludes by declaring that "The Bible dictum settles the question that dog flesh is unwholesome and should not be eaten." Maybe the scriptural injunction ought to settle the question but it doesn't; for the hog is positively anathema by the same code and yet the "unclean swine' is the staple food of four-fifths of the human race today outside of the tropics. Nevertheless our private opinion publicly expressed is that the world would be better off if people ate less pig and took their corn and rye out of ovens instead of bottles. Moses showed abominable taste in "marrying an Ethiopian woman" but he was well up on the laws of hygiene and has never been surpassed as a health officer.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.



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Only 2 weeks and the Holidays are over. Here are some hints that might help solve your Christmas problems:

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Handkerchiefs, Fursets, Hats, Shoes, House Slippers, Waist Silks, Facinators, Towels, Embroideries, Collars.

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Cups and Saucers, Christmas Cards, Gold Clocks, Shaving Sets, Cut Glass Bowls, Hair Brushes, Picture Frames, Pin Trays.

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Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Men's and Boys' Suits, Boys' Sweaters, Men's Fancy Vests, Guitars, Watches, Safety Razors, Pocket Knives.

Nice Box Candy; Velocipede; express wagon; Tricycle; Irish Mail; Automobiles; all kinds of Toys. Big assortment of dolls.
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FURS! FURS!

This week we will show you a most superb line of Ladies' Furs in Mink, Isabella Fox, and others. Children's Fur Sets.

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SECOND DAY COLORED MASONS

Reports Show the Grand Lodge to be in Splendid Financial Condition—Much Money Raised—Will adjourn Today.

The second day's session of the 40th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Colored Masons of North Carolina yesterday was devoted largely to the reception of reports, showing the lodge to be in a most excellent financial condition.

The first session was held yesterday morning and after the usual devotional exercises, the lodge proceeded to business—a continuation of the reports. Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Abe Middleton's report showed an increase in the finances of the order as did also the report of the Endowment Board. The report of Grand Endowment Secretary James H. Young was very encouraging to the members. He reported that in seven years $88,000 had been raised by the colored Masons of the State, and this year alone $25,800 had been paid to widows and orphans, not counting the $300 given the orphan's asylum, colored, in Oxford, on account of a disastrous fire. The Grand Lodge gives each year 10 per cent of all its revenues to this asylum and this year the institution will get the largest amount in its history on account of the splendid financial condition of the order in this State. Encouraging reports were also submitted by Grand Lecturer J. W. Perry, of the Eastern district, and Grand Lecturer F. F. Chambers, of the Western district.

Today the Masons will have a grand parade and will go down the river on the steamer Wilmington in the afternoon. The feature of the meeting today will be an address by the Grand Orator, W. G. Avant. The Grand Lodge will conclude its business today.

At the session last night officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows, by acclamation:

Grand Master—R. B. McRary.
Grand Senior Warden—P. A. Stevenson.
Grand Junior Warden—W. S. Simmons.
Grand Treasurer—A. R. Middleton.
Grand Secretary—Dr. C. S. Brown.

The sessions of the Grand Lodge will be resumed this morning.

BENEFIT GAME TONIGHT.

Basket Ball Contest Between Cardinals and Pirates at Y. M. C. A.

What promises to be one of the most interesting and exciting basket ball contests of the season will be played at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, the opposing teams being the Cardinals and Pirates, two of the strongest teams of the Y. M. C. A. The game will be called at 8 o'clock. As previously stated, the exhibition is for the benefit of the McIver Loan Fund, which is being raised by the New Hanover alumnae of the State Normal and Industrial College. It is hoped that there will be a large number of spectators. An admission of only 25 cents will be charged. Little girls and others will call upon devotees of the sport today with tickets.

A picked team from the Junior class will play a game during the intermission of the game between the Cardinals and Pirates. This contest will also prove of great interest to the spectators.

There has been a change in the line-up from that announced a few days ago. The revised line-up is as follows:

Cardinals		Pirates
Hanson (c)	F	Kendall (c)
Thees	F	Cromartie
Newkirk	C	Stevens
E. C. Hines	G	Davis
Fillyaw	G	W. Whitted

Substitutes: Cardinals, D. Hay and Miller; Pirates, Kesler. Messrs. W. L. King and Chas. Dushan will umpire the game.

UP TO STREET COMMISSION.

It Must Take Care of All Permanent Improvements Henceforth.

Mayor Walter G. MacRae, who, his many friends will regret to know, has been indisposed for the past two or three days, was in his office yesterday afternoon. In response to an inquiry as to when the work of constructing the new steel bridge across the railroad tracks at Sixth street would be commenced, the Mayor stated that as the building of the structure came under the head of permanent street improvements the work would be done under the supervision of the newly organized Street Commission, of which Capt. Lewis S. Belden is chairman. He held a conference with Capt. Belden yesterday with reference to the bridge. The profiles, etc., are in the Mayor's office and are ready for the Street Commission. Mayor MacRae said further that all improvements of a permanent nature would have to pass through the hands of the Street Commission henceforth.

RIVER TRAFFIC RESUMED.

Cape Fear Boats Tied Up on Account of Drought.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says:

"There was 12 feet of water in the Cape Fear river at 8 o'clock this morning. For the past two months there has been an average of less than 2 feet of water, boats being able to run spasmodically, and since the 20th of November tying up traffic entirely. That was the date the last boat cleared from here. The first boat to reach here since that date will be on Thursday, when the City of Fayetteville, which leaves Wilmington this evening will arrive here.

"The resumption of river traffic not only means much to Fayetteville and Wilmington, but untold benefit to the people between these two places who are dependent upon river transportation."

DIED.

HEYER—At his home, No. 420 North Fourth street, at 12 M. Wednesday, December 15, GEORGE H. C. HEYER, in the 50th year of his age. Funeral from the late residence tomorrow (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock; interment in Oakdale cemetery; friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

DEATH OF MR. GEO. C. HEYER

Well Known Citizen Passed Away Yesterday at Noon After Brief Illness—Funeral Services Tomorrow Morning.

Mr. George H. C. Heyer, a well known and highly esteemed citizen, died at his home, 420 North Fourth street, yesterday at 12 o'clock, after a brief illness. The funeral services will be held from the late residence at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, conducted by Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

The announcement of the death of Mr. Heyer was received with profound sorrow by his many friends and loved ones. Mr. Heyer has been a sufferer of rheumatism in a severe form for the last two years but he bore his sufferings with patience and fortitude and was seldom heard to complain. He was at his place of business Friday as usual, but Sunday afternoon his condition grew worse and he was forced to take his bed. His loved ones realized Sunday that his condition was serious and that recovery was doubtful. Mr. Heyer was hopeful, however, and encouraged his loved ones to believe that he would soon be restored to his health. He grew considerably worse Tuesday night, his heart having been affected, and sank gradually until the end at the time mentioned.

Mr. Heyer was born in Wilmington, in the house in which he died, on January 29th, 1850, making him therefore in the 50th year of his age. He was a son of the late John C. Heyer and Mrs. Margaret Heyer. With the exception of a short period toward the latter part of the Civil War Mr. Heyer spent his entire life in Wilmington. During the latter part of the struggle between the States he lived on his father's farm in Sampson county. He was a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Heyer Bros., No. 216 North Water street, and was well known among the business interests of the city.

Mr. Heyer was never married. Surviving are his mother, two brothers, Messrs. M. J. Heyer and John C. Heyer, and two sisters, Misses Maggie and Hattie Heyer, all of this city. The sympathy of hundreds and hundreds of friends throughout this section goes out to the grief-stricken ones.

KIDNAPPING WAS CHARGED.

An Attempt to Intercept Mother and Her Child Failed.

Before Justice Borne'nann at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Samuel Seigler swore out a warrant against his wife, Mrs. Bessie Seigler, and Emma Sykes, charging them with kidnapping his little son. It appears that Mrs. Seigler and the other woman left here on the afternoon southbound Coast Line train taking with them the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Seigler. The warrant was immediately placed in the hands of Sheriff S. P. Cowan, who went to a long distance telephone booth and called Chadbourn, hoping to intercept the parties there. The train had just passed that station. He then attempted to get Fair Bluff but was unable to get the connection. It is understood that Mrs. Seigler expected to spend last night in Columbia and leave there this morning for her former home in another portion of the Palmetto State. Mr. Seigler started action in the Superior Court here last week for divorce from his wife. It is not known if any further efforts will be made by Mr. Seigler to get possession of the child.

CENSUS ENUMERATORS.

Will be Twenty-Two From This County—Supervisor Here Yesterday.

Irvin B. Tucker, Esq., of Whiteville, census supervisor for the Sixth Congressional District, was here yesterday, returning from Washington, D. C., where he has been attending a meeting of all the supervisors in the State with Director Durand. Mr. Tucker talked interestingly while in the city about the census locally and stated that there would be 22 enumerators for this county, 18 from the city and four for the county townships. There will be about two weeks work for those in the city and the compensation will be something like three cents per name. The enumerators in the county townships will be given a longer time to complete their work. Early in February there will be an examination from which to secure a list of eligibles from which to make these appointments. According to the bulletins recently published from Washington the census this year is going to be more complete than ever and the tabulations will be awaited with interest.

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Subject of Sermon at the Christian Church Last Night.

At the Christian Church last night Rev. J. T. Brown preached upon the Bautism of the Holy Spirit, declaring that the Baptism and the Gift of the Spirit were two different and distinct things. The former was given to the Apostles, as a qualifying power, on the day of Pentecost, and also to the Gentiles seven and a half years later at the house of Cornelius. But the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was not given as a means of salvation or forgiveness of sins; that Peter, who was the mouthpiece of the Lord, to whom he had given the keys of the Kingdom, preached to the people the things necessary for them, to receive forgiveness of their sins and the gift of the Holy Ghost. He said that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost always conferred the power to perform signs and wonders. Mr. Brown was heard by a large congregation and much interest was shown. Tonight he will use as his subject, "The World's Greatest Magnet," and after the sermon four will be baptized

Steamer For Cotton Arrives.

The British steamer Harlyn, Capt Bird, arrived at Southport yesterday and later came up the river to the compress of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, where she will receive cargo of cotton for foreign export. This is the second steamer of the month for cotton. She was expected Tuesday, but on account of the gale off the coast was delayed in passage.

MAKING READY FOR LAYMEN

Great State Meeting to be Held in Greensboro Early in January—Arrangements Are Well Underway There.

Prominent Wilmington business men interested in the cause are looking forward with pleasure to the great State Laymen's Missionary Movement convention to be held in Greensboro January 12th-14th and it is certain that there will be a large delegation from this city in attendance. In this connection the following interesting account of the arrangements for this great gathering will be read with interest from the pen of Mr. Andrew Joyner, the well known Greensboro newspaper correspondent:

"The executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement is propelling a campaign of vigor and organization that will result in the largest and most inspiring meeting at the State convention of this organization to be held in Greensboro January 12th-14th, that will be held in any of the States having State conventions that month. Beginning with last Sunday, the executive committee sent out delegations of laymen to other cities for addresses on the movement, and from reports received from returning delegates and speakers, they were received with the greatest encouragement everywhere, the attendance and resolutions at each service being most gratifying and indicating a widespread popular interest in the objects sought and complete sympathy with the purpose of the central organization to secure a large attendance at the State convention in January. That the whole State will be stirred can be appreciated from the fact that last night upon reporting the result of meetings at other cities Sunday, Chairman G. H. Miles, of the Deputation Committee of the convention, arranged to send delegations of laymen to make addresses at Danville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Salisbury and Goldsboro during the next few days, and those points have indicated a welcome to each delegation of speakers and workers in behalf of the movement.

Speakers at the Convention.

"There will be a notable array of distinguished men at the convention in January, who will be on the programme for short addresses, in the number being Hon. B. F. McFarland, Washington, D. C.; Bishops Strange, of Wilmington, and Lloyd of Maryland; George Eddy, of Indiana; Rev. D. Clay Lilly, of Alabama; Rev. J. O. Reavis, of Tennessee; Rev. Walter L. Lingle, of Georgia.

Musical Programme.

"The North Carolina Methodist Conference Quartette has been secured to furnish the vocal music at the convention. For gospel singing this quartette has a national reputation, its service at the International Epworth League Convention at Seattle last summer placing it among the world wide class of merit and distinction. This quartette is composed of North Carolinians, to-wit: Rev. A. J. Parker, of Louisburg, first bass; R. M. Phillips, Greensboro, second bass; Rev. James H. Frizzelle, Goldsboro, second tenor; Rev. Charles E. Vale, Chadbourn, first tenor.

The Local Executive Committee.

"The executive committee on arrangements for the convention, of which A. M. Scales is president, meets now every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon in the headquarters of the Laymen's Movement in the Benbow Hotel building, and every part of the work is being carefully planned and plans executed without delay or friction, looking to a great convention in January. At the meeting Monday Messrs. O. C. Wysong and Vanstory were added to the executive committee, making it still stronger and thoroughly representative of the united Christian business men's interests and hopes in the city, and for the State."

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Case Against Rena Hall, Charged With Larceny, Dismissed.

In the Recorder's court yesterday morning the case against Rena Hall, charged with stealing $40 in money and a watch and chain from R. S. Williams, was dismissed at the cost of the prosecutor, Williams, who failed to appear. The watch it is alleged the woman stole is in possession of the court and will probably be held for the costs in the action. The watch was given to the prosecutor's counsel, W. P. Gafford, Esq., by a man who said the time-piece was found. Hon. John D. Bellamy appeared for the defendant.

"Kill Patrick", a white man, charged with drunkenness, failed to appear and his bond was forfeited. Jim Anderson, colored, tried on the charge of vagrancy and trespass, was given 30 days on the county roads. The cases against Hartsfield Crandall, charged with assault with deadly weapon on a negro and disorderly conduct, set for trial yesterday, were continued until today on account of the absence of the defendant. A case against Robt. Bryant, colored, charged with assault with deadly weapon upon Gilbert Hollis, colored, was continued until next Wednesday on account of the absence from the city of Brooke G. Empie, Esq., counsel for the defendant.

Handing Out Pension Checks.

Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court W. N. Harriss was busy yesterday handing out pension checks to those who are entitled to receive them. Within a few days every one of the checks will be in the hands of the pensioners. One of the pensioners of the third class in receipting for his check yesterday morning stated that it was the first money he had had since his last pension money was received and that it was the first time in a year that he had occasion to write his name.

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One lot of Boys' Indian Suits just received, $1.25 at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge. **

WILL ERECT THE NEW CHURCH

Congregation of Church of Good Shepherd Ratifies Plan of the Vestrymen—Will Begin Building Next Summer.

The congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd, corner of Sixth and Queen streets, at a largely attended meeting last night, ratified the plan of the vestry to replace the present house of worship with a handsome brick structure. The work of raising the money for the new edifice will be commenced the first of January and it is hoped to begin building some time next Summer so as to have the structure completed in time for services the following Easter.

The Parish also endorsed the plan of the vestry to place the name of the late Dr. Armand J. DeRosset, to whom it was indebted in a large measure for its material support, upon the corner stone or on a tablet in the church in commemoration of his services to the parish.

A plan was adopted whereby each and every member of the congregation including the women and children, will be given an opportunity to share in the building of the new edifice. The building will cost between $4,000 and $6,000 and the amount will be raised by the envelope system, each member being asked to contribute something each week according to his or her ability upon a fixed basis of apportionment, the Parish being divided into groups. The work of raising the money will be carried on by the vestrymen, the Woman's Auxiliary and the Parish Guild. The new structure will be erected on the site of the present building.

It will be recalled that the work of the Church of the Good Shepherd, was begun nearly 40 years ago during the faithful rectorship of the late Dr. A. A. Watson, the revered first Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina, who gave the work his loyal supoprt. and after his rectorship the work under Bishop Strange was transferred to its present site, where it has steadily grown in influence and importance. A distinctive feature has been the social work among the girls and women. Some three years ago the Hall of the Good Shepherd was built and a very vigorous and effective work has been carried on among the girls in that building, which is more fully equipped for such work, perhaps, than any other building in the city This has done for the girls what the Boys' Brigade has done for the boys and its influence has been felt in the community.

THE FINISHING WORK.

Second Seaboard Warehouse Nearing Completion—Two Storages.

The finishing work on the second big storage of the Seaboard Air Line is now in progress and with the large force of workmen will be completed at an early date. It was mentioned some time ago that a third large warehouse similar to the two already constructed would be built, but nothing has yet been learned to this effect by those in charge of the work here.

With the completion of the large storages Wilmington's railroad terminal will afford splendid facilities in this connection for discharging cargoes from ships, which principally come from Northern markets. The two warehouses are able to hold many ship loads, which are stored here and shipped to the interior part of the country upon demand.

The Seaboard has spent $200,000 in this work. There is still space left on the property of this railroad adjoining the present warehouses for a third storage, which it is believed will be built some time in the future.

The first warehouse has been in use for some time and many cargoes of salt and fertilizer have been discharged there.

It was the object of the Seaboard people to complete both of the large storage by the first of last October, but the saw mills were unable to furnish the lumber.

MAY BE POISONING.

Negro's Death Near Fayetteville Accompanied by Mystery.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says:

It has developed that George Bell, the negro who died on Mr. J. A. Colvin's place on Monday, near Lane, this county, probably came to his death through poisoning.

Shortly after the negro's death certain peculiar circumstances led Mr. Colvin to think there had been foul play and he reported the fact to the coroner and Solicitor Sinclair, and the latter authorized the coroner to perform an autopsy. Accordingly deputy coroner, Mr. Floyd Souders, and County Physician Dr. W. S. Jordan, went up to Lane yesterday, the latter performing the autopsy and the former holding an inquest. After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by poisoning. To determine definitely the nature of the poison, the stomach of the dead man, and a sample of the drinking water on the premises, (which it is thought was poisoned and caused the death) were sealed up, and sent at once to the State chemist for analysis. The dead man was 60 years of age and it is known that he had enemies.

LILLY AT ORTON PLACE.

Dynamiting Stumps in Canal—For the New Steam Launch.

The launch Lilly has been engaged for the past few days at The Orton Place in dynamiting stumps and dredging out the canal which was dug some time ago from the river to Mr. Sprunt's home. Capt. Dicksey has been in charge of this work.

The work is being done in order that Mr. James Sprunt's handsome new launch, which was recently purchased and brought here from New York, may ply the canal in safety. The launch will be used by the family principally between the city and Orton Place and is a speedy gasolene craft, which is splendidly fitted-up.

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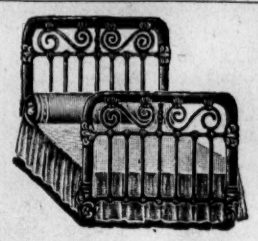
We give a few prices below, which prove the statement, the same reduction applies to more than 500 articles of new goods, received within the last 15 days.



$2,50 Iron Beds $1.49
$3.50 Iron Beds $1.98
$5.00 Iron Beds $2.98
$7.50 Iron Beds $5.98
$10.00 Iron Beds $6.98
$25.00 Brass Beds $17.98
$45.00 Brass Beds.....$27.98
$65.00 Brass Beds.....$41.98

102 Dressers, quartered golden oak, white enamel, birds eye maple, genuine solid mahogany, Commodes Chiffonieres and Ladies' Dressing Tables to match. Example of price: Solid Oak, 24x30 French Bevel Mirror $6.98

Mattings, more than 60 rolls, this year's importations, every piece received since December 1st, from 9 3-4c up per yard, by the roll only at these prices.

Rugs. We are away ahead with Rugs. More than 200 to select from. Study these prices.

27x54 Velvets $1.29
27x54 Fringed 98c
27x58 Axminsters $1.69
36x72 Axminsters $2.98
9x12 Brussells $12.98
9x11 Velvets $15.98
9x12 Smith's Axminsters.$19.98
9x12 all wool Smyrnas...$21.98

16 Library Tables, all woods, some Royal Crofts' make in the lot .....$3.98 up

30 Parlor Tables, beauties for presents at astonishing prices.

60 Carriages, Go-Carts, Folders, Collapsible, Pullman Sleepers, English Coaches, etc. See them if interested.

More than 200 Rockers, Golden Oak, Mission, Reed, solid Mahogany.
$2.50 Oak Rockers $1.69
$4.00 Oak Rockers.....$2.98
$6.50 Mission Rockers.....$4.49
$7.50 Reed Rockers.....$5.19
$20.00 solid Mahogany, leather seat and back.....$11.98

19 China Cabinets, golden quartered oak, mission and genuine solid mahogany, same at $13.98, bent glass sides and drawers.

21 Dinner Sets in Domestic, English, German and French China, $7.98 up for 100 pieces.

31 Ladies' Desks, oak, mission, walnut, imitation mahogany, solid mahogany and art, from $3.98 up. Don't fail to see them.

Pictures, Sideboards, Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Dining Room Suits, Morris Chairs, from $4.98 up. Hall Racks, Lamps, Wardrobes and hundreds of other articles, all going at a saving. A few Dolls, Doll Carriages, Doll Tea Sets, Etc.

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HOSPITAL FOR NOVEMBER.

Monthly Report of Superintendent—Doing Good Work.

The monthly report of the superintendent of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, as submitted to the Board of Managers at their regular meeting this week, shows the following interesting statistics with reference to the work at the Hospital during November: On the first of the month there were 36 patients remaining in the institution and 82 were admitted during November, making a total of 118. Of this number 57 were discharged during November and seven died, leaving 64 in the institution on December 1st. Treatment was furnished 414 days to pay patients during November and 787 days to charity patients, making a total of 1,201 days of treatment. There were 28 operations in the operating room and five in the dispensary, making a total of 33. The number of dressings furnished was 283 and ambulance calls 42. In the outpatient department 48 new cases were treated and 22 old cases were treated, making a total of 70. The number of dressings on old cases was 90 and number of dressings on new cases, making a total of 203.

REAPING BENEFIT.

From the Experience of Wilmington People.

We are fortunate indeed to be able to profit by the experience of our neighbors. The public utterances of Wilmington residents on the following subject will interest and benefit thousands of our readers. Read this statement. No better proof can be had.

Mrs. J. D. Sellers, 706 S. Second St., Wilmington, N. C., says: "I am feeling like a different person since using Doan's Kidney Pills. Some time ago I procured a box of this remedy from Robert R. Bellamy's drug store, as it was highly recommended for kidney trouble from which I had been suffering for a long time. My back ached constantly, my eyes pained me and when lying down, dark spots floated before my eyes. My kidneys were weak and I had a constant desire to pass the secretions. One box of Doan's Kidney Pills corrected all these annoyances and built up my general health."

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THIRTY-THREE AND A THIRD OFF

Timely Sale for the Holidays at Store of J. M. Solky & Co.

The Thirty-Three-and-One-third Off sale at J. M. Solky & Co's. attracted a large crowd to the store yesterday where a special display of holiday goods is now being made in addition to a special showing of Boys' and Children's Straight Knee Pant Suits. Many nobby suits of clothing for the young folks may be had at this great reduction in the straight knee pants suits and the sizes are all that could be asked. The stock of men's clothing and furnishings is also complete and will appeal especially to the discriminating buyer at this season of the year when all is gladness.

Baseball, Detroit vs. Pittsburg, one day Thursday, December 16th. At the Bijou. dec15 2t

JONES GOES WITH TOW.

Left Yesterday Morning For New York With Schooner Mary A. Hall.

The tug Alexander Jones, Capt. Sanders, having in tow the schooner Mary A. Hall, Capt. Haskell, left yesterday for New York. The Jones went to sea with the vessel late yesterday afternoon.

The schooner after receiving repairs, as previously referred to, will either sail or be towed on by another tug to Boston, for which port she has cargo of lumber. The schooner was reported in condition to stand the trip from here to New York after the damage she sustained in going ashore near the Cape Fear bar, by a board of survey. With favorable weather the Jones will likely reach New York with her tow by Sunday.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Brief Mention, News of Societies, Meetings, Etc.

An important meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the First Baptist Church at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A full attendance of the members is urged.

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Capt. and Mrs. R. P. Paddison, of Point Caswell, arrived in the city last evening and will leave this morning for Washington, Ga., where they will visit relatives, leaving a little later for a visit to other relatives in Georgia on their way to Florida where they expect to spend the Winter. They were guests while in the city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Alderman, Third and Market streets.

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Cards have been issued to an entertainment which will be given on Tuesday evening, December 21st, by Mrs. Charles N. Evans. The cards read as follows:

Mrs. Charles N. Evans
Mrs. Gillespie
Miss Baxter
Miss Evans
Tuesday, December
the twenty-first
from four until
six o'clock.

Mrs. Evans is noted for the charming manner in which she entertains her friends and her guests of this occasion are anticipating with much pleasure the reception.

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TWO WEDDINGS AT CLINTON YESTERDAY.

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 15.—Mr. William Love McQueen, of Fayetteville, and Miss Ada Floy Ferrell were married in St. Paul's Episcopal church here this afternoon. The groom is a son of the late Sheriff Neill McQueen, of Cumberland, and a popular young business men. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ferrell, of Clinton, and is a most estimable and lovable young woman.

Mr. W. M. Whitfield and Miss Lela Lee were married this evening at the home of the bride's father, Mr. O. M. Lee, near here. These are popular young people and have a large circle of friends.

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The Music Department of the North Carolina Sorosis held a most enterestting and largely attended meeting in the club rooms on Princess street yesterday afternoon. Mrs. W. A. French, the president, presided, and Mrs. R. G. Grady, the secretary, recorded the minutes of the meeting. "Voice" was the subject and Miss Lucy McIntosh was the leader. Interesting and instructive papers were read by Mrs. Herbert McClammy, Mrs. J. D. Edwards and Miss Lucy McIntosh, on the voice, proper methods of breathing, etc., and Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Miss Lucy McIntosh, Mrs. Joe Yates and Mrs. R. C. Merritt sang delightful solos. In addition to the members there were present nine visitors. The next meeting will be held the third Wednesday in January with Mrs. R. G. Grady as leader. The subject will be "Women in Music."

VISIT TO POOR FAMILIES.

Salvation Army Arranging to Give Christmas Baskets.

Ensign Williams, in charge of the local post of the Salvation Army, who proposes to gladden the hearts of hundreds of the poor of the city with dainty Christmas baskets, has commenced an investigation to ascertain the names of those to whom baskets should be sent. He estimates that there are more than 100 families in the city in needy circumstances and entirely dependent upon charity for any reminder of the gladsome season of the year. There is no person in the city of Wilmington better qualified to speak of the needs of the poorer classes than Ensign Williams, whose work brings him in contact with poverty in its most pitiable forms. He stated yesterday that he regretted that the people of the city were not responding any too liberally to his request for donations with which to prepare the baskets. It will take at least $100 to provide a basket for all of the deserving poor of the city and only about $40 has so far been given to the cause. It is believed, however, that the money will be forthcoming within the next few days and the Salvation Army will thus be able to provide a substantial Christmas for every deserving poor family in Wilmington. Any donations should be sent to army headquarters within the next few days as it is necessary to know some days before Christmas how many baskets can be provided. Ensign Williams will distribute the baskets on Christmas eve.

MRS. W. R. SMITH DEAD

Passed Away Last Night After Illness of Three Weeks.

Many friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. M. Elizabeth Smith, wife of Mr. W. R. Smith, which occurred at her home, 820 North Fifth street, at 11:15 o'clock last night after an illness of three weeks. Her death was not altogether unexpected but was a great shock to her loved ones and friends. She was a most estimable woman. She was about 50 years old and is survived by her husband and ten children, seven sons and three daughters as follows: Messrs. Charles E., W. L., R. D., F. L., H. P., J. K., and F. F. Smith, Mrs. John P. Brown and Misses Flora and M. E. Smith. The funeral services will be held from Brooklyn Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, the pastor.

Alleged night rider raids in the Rockmart, Ga., community have become so numerous that Governor Brown was sent two telegraphic dispatches that the neighborhood was being terrorized. The burning of a dwelling had been charged to the night riders, threatening letters had been received by good citizens and signs posted telling what they proposed doing.

Baseball, Detroit vs. Pittsburg, one day Thursday, December 16th. At the Bijou. dec15 2t

The Theatre

Saturday night the handsome $15 doll will be given away at the Crystal Palace at the end of the first performance. This announcement was made yesterday and will, no doubt, be received with interest. All who received numbers during the past two weeks will get a chance at becoming the owner of the huge doll, as well as those who attend any of the remaining performances between now and Saturday night. The contest has been a lively one and has especially excited the interest of the children.

Commencing with the first performance this afternoon an entire change of programme will be presented, and it will be one of the most complete changes ever presented at the Palace. Every act will be new and there will be plenty of fun and plenty of songs. Miss Ollie Wood, who does an exceedingly clever "Buster Brown,, stunt will introduce new songs and dances and this dainty little soubrette is proving especially popular with the ladies and children, which is shown by the large attendance at the matinees. The comedy sketch team of Bailey and Taylor will appear in a rousing new act, while the other artists will do new and bright turns.

At the Bijou Today.

The Bijou today will show the world's championship baseball games between the Pitsburg Pirates and Detroit Tigers. One film concern secured the exclusive right to make pictures of this great world's series and had several cameras stationed in various parts of the grounds in order not to miss a single play of importance. There are many devotees of the game in Wilmington and the reproduction of the great series will doubtless be witnessed by hundreds of enthusiastic fans at the Bijou today.

CARRIE NATION IN CONGRESS.

Hatchet Wielder Appears Before Interstate Committee—Her Object.

Washington, Dec. 15.—"You ought not to smoke," admonished Carrie Nation, the hatchet wielder in the cause of temperance, to a door keeper as she entered the gallery of the House of Representatives today. The doorkeeper just laughed. In one of the corridors adjoining the House chamber, a messenger was smoking a cigarette. "Biff" went a blow at the demon of nicotine and Carrie Nation's right arm shot the cigarette into the air.

Mrs. Nation played no favorites, but made a general round of the Capitol. In the Supreme Court she spent a quiet quarter of an hour listening to legal arguments. In the House office building she meandered around and talked to a member or two and up on the gallery floor of the House she had business with the Interstate Commerce Committee under the wrong impresion that it had an anti-gambling bill before it, instead of the Senate committee.

Chairman Mann,, of the committee, who did not know her identity until later, put her on the right track to the Senate committee on the Judiciary, where the hearing on Senator Burkett's anti-race track betting bill was held yesterday.

Arriving too late she started in search of Senator Clark, of Arkansas, who she said, would father the prohibition bill because she had become a citizen of his State. In the Senate office building Carrie started to harangue the crowd and was escorted outside by the Capitol police.

ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION

Vigorous Opposition to Plan to Abolish it Crops Out.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Vigorous opposition to the proposed plan to abolish the Isthmian Canal Commission and to vest the power of building the Panama canal and of governing the canal zone in one director-general, appointed by the President cropped out in the House today during general debate on the Mann bill, which was reported by the committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce.

Of scarcely less intensity was the storm of protest aroused when it was learned that the committee had recommended that the judicial power on the canal zone should be vested in one circuit court and such inferior courts as the President may constitute. This would require the abolishment of the existing Supreme Court on the zone. An appeal direct to the Supreme Court of the United States is authorized, however, in questions arising ou of the constitution, treaties or laws of the United States or involving a death sentence or imprisonment. Similar appeal is allowed in civil cases involving more than $5,000.

SOUTHERN SURGEONS.

Interesting Paper Read Yesterday at Hot Springs, Va.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 15.—Interesting papers by Drs. A. C. Scott, Temple, Texas; John C. Monroe, Boston; J. Shelton Horsley, Stuart McGuire, Richmond; Dr. John Young Brown of St. Louis, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Baltimore and St. Louis; B. Wilson, of Rochester, Minn., marked today's session of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association. The afternoon was devoted to sight seeing.

GENERAL WOOD CHOSEN.

Head of General Staff in the Army. Succeeds General Bell.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the Department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the army. Secretary Dickinson made this announcement today.

General Wood will succeed General J. Franklin Bell, whose term at the head of the general staff will expire next Spring.

CARLIN SUCCEEDS DEARMOND.

Fills Vacancy on the Judiciary Committee of the House.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Virginia was today accorded representation on the important judiciary committee of the House through the announcement of the appointment of Representative Carlin to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Representative DeArmond, of Missouri.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, will preach at South Wilmington school house, three miles south of the city, at 7 o'clock tonight. All are cordially invited.

—James Merritt, colored, was taken into custody late Tuesday night by Patrolman C. A. Bradshaw and is now in the county jail awaiting an examination by a commission in lunacy as to his sanity.

—The Star has with the compliments of R. E. Blake, No. 10 Market street, a very pretty calendar for the New Year. The art piece is "Game Ahead" and the calendar is an exceedingly pretty and attractive one.

—Shallotte Brown, colored, who was sentenced to the county farm a few days ago for assault with deadly weapon upon Mamie Brockington, colored, escaped Tuesday afternoon and had not been re-captured yesterday.

—A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Mr. Peter Maeger, aged 70 years, a native of Holland, and Mrs. Mattie Pickett, aged 50 years, of this city. The marriage was announced to take place last night, Rev. Joseph King officiating.

—It was reported to the police late yesterday afternoon that Annie Lofton, five-year old colored girl, of East Wilmington, had wandered away from her home and could not be found. The officers had not heard anything of her at a late hour last night.

—Mary McDuffie, colored, was tried in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday on a peace warrant sworn out by Julia Reeves, colored. The defendant was required to give $50 bond to keep the peace. The women, it seems, fell out in their jealousy over a man aparently 50 years old.

—Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: J. VanB. Metts and wife to Hattie W. Gore, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of Magnolia, 164 feet south of Dock street, 66x75 feet in size; Wm. M. Bellamy, commissioner, to Calvin D. Gore, for $925, lot on south side of Orange, 37 1-2 feet west of 10th street, 37 1-2x66 feet in size.

BELGIUM'S KING GAINING.

Marked Improvement in His Condition—The Parliament Struggle.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—King Leopold's tenacious struggle is arousing the loyalty and admiration of the people who are now keenly following the developments following yesterday's operation. The bulletin issued tonight by the attending physicians states that the King is gaining.

This has caused new hope that his rugged constitution will pull him through, but it is privately feared at the court that his age will not permit of ultimate recovery.

After a restful night the patient's condition was described as stationary, but during the course of the afternoon unfavorable symptoms appeared and it soon became known that his Majesty had suffered a relapse.

Towards evening, however, improvement was noted by the examining physician and a bulletin was issued, reassuring in character, which again raised the hopes of the Belgians.

The fact that the temperature, 30 hours or more after the operation is not far from normal, is taken as an excellent sign. At 11 o'clock tonight announcement was made, though not officially, that the improvement was becoming more marked.

By a dramatic hazard of events while the sovereign was fighting for his life, Parliament today, like yesterday, was absorbed in one of the most vital questions affecting the nation—the great Congo problem, which came before the legislators for consideration.

There is reason to believe King Leopold was secretly stung to the quick by the world's wrath over his conduct in the Congo matter and that he never recovered from this. He was always convinced that American criticism was sincere, although he impatiently sought to explain to his friends that it was the work of "prattling missionaries."

M. Kenkin, minister for the colonies, in an impassioned speech in the chamber, repudiated the criticism emanating from England that Belgium was exploiting the native and denied the charges of oppression and cruelty.

The minister asked the world to suspend its opinion and give Belgium a chance to show her worth.

BETTER HOUSING IS PLAN.

President of Embassy Association is Coming South.

New York, Dec. 15.—In furtherance of the plan to direct the attention of the public to the need of the better housing, through the purchase of proper residences of diplomatic representatives of the United States in foreign countries, E. Clarence Jones, president of the American Embassy Association, and Frederick Townsend Martin, of the executive committee, left today for New Orleans where they will address a meeting of representative men on Friday evening. From there they will go on to Atlanta, Savannah, Charleston and Richmond.

PISTOL DUEL

One Dead and Another Wounded Near Lancaster, S. C.

Lancaster, S. C., Dec. 15.—D. W. Belk and John Peach last night engaged in a pistol duel at Westville, Kershaw county, and as a result Belk is dead and Peach is though to be fatally wounded. Family troubles are said to have been the cause of the shooting. Belk was about 35 years old and leaves a wife and several small children. Peach was 23 years of age and was unmarried.

CITY OF PARKS.

Those in Colorado Springs are at High Valuation.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 15.—The parks owned by the city of Colorado Springs have a valuation of $2,017,000, according to an estimate recently filed by the park commission with the city auditor. The total acreage of the public parks, including the Garden of the Gods which is shortly to be transferred to the city and Stratton park controlled by the street car company, is 2,666 acres, which is only 60 acres more than the entire park system of Chicago and exceeds that of the park system of Kansas City, St. Louis, Boston, Buffalo, Omaha and many large cities.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Dr. D. R. Wells, of Newberlin, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. James L. Harrelson, of Whiteville, spent yesterday in the city.

—Mr. W. C. Page, of Faison, was a Wilmington business visitor yesterday.

—Mr. J. C. Thomas has returned from a visit to his father at Bynum, Chatham county.

—Mr. G. W. Kirby, of Supply, Brunswick county, spent yesterday in the city making business calls.

—Mr. W. H. Stone, Jr., has returned to his home at Little River, S. C., after a brief business visit here.

—Mr. T. W. Wood has returned from a visit to his brother, Mr. E. P. Wood, at Beaverdam, Va., with a short visit to friends in Richmond, Va.

—Among the guests at The Orton yesterday were: John W. Clarke, Charlotte; T. E. Cox, Elise; J .C. McDaniel, Fayetteville; A. J. Hines, Columbia, S. C.; W. L. Rhodes, Loris, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodward and child, Warsaw; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Croom, Jr., Burgaw, L. H. Platt, Whiteville; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Sanderlin, White Hall, N. C.

BROKAW DIVORCE TRIAL.

Evidence Given by Maid Yesterday. Telegrams Will be Read.

New York, Dec. 15.—"If I were a woman" said John F. McIntyre today, "and my husband spent $30,000 a year on me, I would live with him." Mr. McIntyre had in mind Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw, who prefers $60,000 a year alimony and a separation from her husband, W. Gould Brokaw. Her suit is now being tried at Mineola, L. I.

"Mr. Brokaw," Mr. McIntyre continued, "is as good and kind a husband as the Lord ever created to walk on His green footstool."

Counsel for Mrs. Brokaw called Minna Lahte, a maid, formerly in his client's employ, to refute this contention.

"Do you remember," he asked, "an occasion on which Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw and Dr. Shipman came from New York and stayed at the Gilberts?"

Mrs. Gilbert is Mr. Brokaw's sister and counsel explained that he alluded to an occasion when Mrs. Brokaw is alleged to have sought refuge from her husband with her sister-in-law.

"Yes," said the maid. "Mr. Brokaw was drunk."

"No," exclaimed Mr. McIntyre. "Yes" said the maid stolidly—"excited, that's what I said."

"Cannot you describe his condition more accurately?"

"I know little English," replied the maid, who is a Finlander, 'but few words are enough to describe his condition."

The testimony reverted to dollars and cents again with a view to establishing Mr. Brokaw's ability or inability to pay the alimony demanded. John H. Armstrong, an executor of the will of the late W. V. Brokaw, the defendant's father, testified that the elder Brokaw left $1,490,000 to his son, much of it in Standard Oil stock.

The treasurer of the banking and brokerage house swore that his firm holds securities for W. Gould Brokaw valued at $1,224,000, but that there is a debit column of $1,030,000, which leaves Mr. Brokaw a present balance of only $214,000, subject to market fluctuations. It was not offered in evidence that the account mentioned included all Mr. Brokaw's holdings.

Attorney Baldwin took Mrs. Brokaw back to elucidate some of the interesting points in her favor that she had worked into her testimony during her cross-examination by her husband's counsel. One of these had to do with the exciting time at Savoy Hotel when, she testified, Mr. Brokaw threw things around the room one night when he came home "paralyzed" from drink, as she put it. The noise was so great that the hotel people came to he apartment to see what the commotion was about, she said.

When he cautioned her at the dinner table at High Point, N. C., not to be "making eyes" at "Jimmie" Martin, Mr. Brokaw gave the command in an undertone.

Mrs. Brokaw's counsel got the court to direct that the defense produce numerous messages alleged to contain reports of Mrs. Brokaw's conduct and sent by servants at Great Neck to Mr. Brokaw and his secretary at High Point, N. C. Some days as many as 15 telegrams passed, many of them containing 150 words or so. These messages were withheld for later reading. They are expected to prove the sensation of the trial.

LOST OFF HATTERAS.

Schooner's Crew Including Captain's Wife Probably Perished.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—That the five-masted schooner Governor Ames bound from Brunswick, Ga. to New York, with a large cargo of railroad cross ties, grounded and went to pieces off Wimble Shoals, 25 miles north of Cape Hatteras, Monday afternoon about 6 o'clock the captain, his wife and the crew of 12 men all being killed or drowned, is the story told by Josiah Spearing ,the sole survivor of the wreck, who was brought here tonight by the steamship Shawmut of the Southern Steamship Company. Spearing was picked up from the wreckage about 7 o'clock yesterday morning badly battered up and half dead from cold and shock. He says that the schooner struck rocks about midday Monday, in a high wind and heavy fog. All attempts to launch rafts failed. The captain's wife was lashed first to one part of the ship and then to another, a mast finally falling upon her and killing her. Spearing was thrown into the sea but crawled upon some of the cross ties and held on until rescued.

DR. DAVID C. HUGHES DEAD.

Father of Governor of New York State.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—David C. Hughes, father of Governor Hughes, died at the executive mansion at 11 o'clock tonight following a recent stroke of apoplexy. Dr. Hughes, who was 70 years of age, suffered a slight stroke about a year ago while temporarily filling a pulpit in New Jersey. There was a recurrence of the attack a week ago, and since that time he had been gradually failing.

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ROCKY MOUNT AFFAIRS.

Cotton in Edgecombe Destroyed—Wreck on Coast Line.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 15.—One Sunday night at the farm of Gen. W. R. Cox, in Edgecombe county, fire of unknown origin destroyed a cotton house in which were stored seven bales of cotton with some corn and fodder. The building was in a blaze when the fire was discovered. The loss amounts to several hundred dollars.

The Odom Avera Company is having the building adjoining its store on Sunset avenue enlarged by a several feet addition in the rear and the contract is now being completed by Mr. Tom Coleman.

A wreck of importance, when the blocking of the track is taken into consideration, occurred at 5:30 yesterday morning at Speed, on the Norfolk district of the Atlantic Coast Line. Freight train No. 221, from this city to Pinner's Point, had its engine and eleven freight cars derailed by striking a switch that is thought to have either been defective or tampered with. The engineer, W. T. Welton, and his fireman suffered slight injuries.

WILL VISIT PORTO RICO.

Secretary Dickinson and Others From War Department Going.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Mr. Dickinson, the Secretary of War, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Pedigo, and Gen. Clarence Edwards, chief of the Insular Bureau of the War Department, will leave here next Tuesday for a ten days' or two weeks' visit to Porto Rico.

The object of the Secretary's visit is to gain at first hand a knowledge of business and governmental conditions in the island.

Baseball, Detroit vs. Pittsburg, one day Thursday, December 16th. At the Bijou. dec15 2t

With the passage by the Louisville city council at a special session last night of an ordinance authorizing the payment of a reward of $1,000, the total now offered for information leading to the recovery of Alma Kellner, who disappeared a week ago, reaches $3,000.

EXPOSURE

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MARKET QUOTATIONS

¶ The Latest Reports From the Important Trading Centers and From Local Dealers.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15th.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady 52 1-2 cents.

ROSIN—Market steady $3.60 per barrel.

TAR—Market, firm $1.90 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.50 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip and $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin steady $2.30; tar firm $1.50; crude turpentine firm $1.50; $2.00 and $2.75.

Spirits turpentine	14
Rosin	77
Tar	90
Crude turpentine	64

Receipts, same day last year 11 casks spirits turpentine; 117 barrels rosin; 228 barrels tar; 26 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Middling quiet 14 5-8 cents.

Same day last year—Quiet, 8 7-8 cents.

Receipts—635 bales, same day last year 1,194 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith Dec. 11th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@70; extra prime, 72 1-2; fancy 75@80c; Virginia, prime 65@70; extra prime 75@80s; Spanish $1.00@$1.05.

CORN—Firm 90@95c per bushel for mixed.

N. C. HAMS—Good demand; hams 18c; shoulders 14@15; sides 14@15c.

EGGS—Good demand 27@28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Spring 20@30; grown 35@40c; scarce.

BEESWAX—Firm at 28c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Good demand at 2@3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDE—Dr. flint 14c; green 9c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull 40@45c per bushel for new yams.

WOOL—Burr 18c; free of burr 24c.

CHEESE—50@55 per head.

PORK—Small 10c per pound; large 9c.

SHEEP—Old no demand; Lambs, dull $1.25@$2.50.

TURKEYS—Good demand 15@16c on foot; dressed 18@22c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—While fluctuations in the cotton market today showed further nervousness and irregularity, the general ruling of prices was steadier and the close was firm, net 5 points lower to 10 points higher, the active old crop positions being generally 5 to 10 points higher. The market opened steady at a decline of 3 to 12 points under liquidation and in response to indifferent cables. But there was plenty of support at the decline to 14.83 for January and 15.50 for May or only 33 to 35 points below the high records for the season. Big Memphis people were believed to be re-buying cotton sold toward the end of last week there was a good demand from the west Wall street, and some of the Southern bulls were buyers on the initial break. Prices gradually rallied in consequence and while the market met heavy offerings of long cotton on a scale up the tone was very firm late in the day with January selling at 14.99 and May at 15.63 and with the close at practically the best on the active months. Bullish rumors regarding the probably showing of the census report on the cotton ginned to December 13 which is due next Monday together with reports of an advance of 1-4 in some of the leading lines of cotton goods, and claims of a better spot demand in the interior markets of the south helped the improvement here in the late trading. Liverpool was a considerable seller early in the day and local professionals seemed to be taking the short side of the market on the advance in the afternoon.

Southern spot market officially reported early were generally unchanged. It is said that the spot markets are anywhere from 1-8 to 3-8c higher than on November 3rd when March contracts in New York sold at 15.26 or within 9 points of today's closing bid.

Receipts at the ports today were 22,032 bales against 23,520 last week and 49,910 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 189,386 last week and 411,672 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 2,200 bales against 9,991 last year and at Houston 5,369 bales against 18,327 last year.

Spot closed quiet 5 points higher. Middling uplands 15.15; middling gulf 15.40; sales 200.

Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month	Open.	Close.
December	14.74	14.88
January	14.86	14.99
February	15.09	15.11
March	15.21	15.30
April		15.45
May	15.52	15.65
June	15.43	15.57
July	15.55	15.68
August	15.25	15.40
September	13.97	13.99
October	13.33	23.39

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 15; net receipts 7,683; stock 236,763.

New Orleans—Firm, 15; net receipts 2,290; stock 146,805.

Mobile—Nominal, 15; net receipts 958; stocks 48,039.

Savannah—Steady, 14 5-8; net receipts 6,756; stock 133,216.

Charleston—Firm, 14 3-4; net receipts 490; stock 32,625.

Wilmington—Quiet, 14 5-8; net receipts 635; stock 19,578.

Norfolk—Dull, 15; net receipts 3,220; stock 37,970.

Baltimore—Nominal, 15 1-8; net receptis 14,954.

New York—Quiet, 15.15; stock 126,709.

Boston—Quiet, 15.35.

Philadelphia—Steady, 15.40; stock 1,964.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 22,032; Great Britain 10,000 stock 806,106.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 126,238; Great Britain 20,667; France 3,051; Continent 23,000; Japan 800.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,612,188; Great Britain 1,240,103; France 630,767; Continent 1,350,906; Japan 18,294; Mexico 8,775.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 15; net receipts 5,369; stock 110,088.

Augusta—Steady, 15, net receipts 1,431; stock 66,923.

Memphis—Steady, 15 1-4; net receipts 2,072; stock 208,841.

St. Louis—Quiet, 15 1-4; net receipts 39; stock 40,619.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,153; gross receipts 8,037.

Little Rock—Quiet, 14 11-16; net receipts 787; stock 51,562.

Louisville—Firm, 15 3-8.

Total today—Net receipts 10,851; gross receipts 17,139; shipments 12,105; sales 3,643; stock 486,070.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Spot in limited demand, prices 13 points lower. American middling fair 8.37; good middling 8.13; middling 8.01; low middling 7.91; good ordinary 7.65; ordinary 7.40.

The sales of the day were 5,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 4,400 American. Receipts 55,000 bales including 36,400 American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady. December 7.83 1-2; December and January 7.83 1-2; January and February 7.86 1-2; February and March 7.89 1-2; March and April 7.93 1-2; April and May 7.95; May and June 7.96 1-2; June and July 7.98; July and August 7.94; August and September 7.64 1-2; September and October 7.13 1-2; October and November 6.95 1-2; November and December 6.85 1-2.

LICK BROS. & CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 15.—In spite of the irregularity in the cotton market today, there was more evidence of buying for important interests than has been seen in the market since Monday. Liverpool cables were somewhat disappointing both on spots and futures but the easier tone at the opening was taken advantage of by leading bull interests to buy heavily. These purchases continued at intervals practically throughout the day. The news also was of a much more bullish tenor with encouraging advices from cloth and yarn centres. Consumers appeared to be more willing to meet the market instead of waiting for a further break. Indications point to a confirmation of the government crop estimate by the census figures on the amount of cotton ginned to December 13th, which will be given out at 10 o'clock next Monday morning. Just what the approximate figures will be is still uncertain, but all advices from the South agree that ginning is practically completed in all but a few sections.

DICK BROS. & CO.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Bleached goods were advanced 1-4c a yard today and other advances are being made in colored cottons and gray goods. Underwear and hosiery are very firm and buyers are operating conservatively for Fall. Serges and diagonals are in good call for spring by cutters. The retail trade continues active and jobbers are doing a reasonable trade.

THE STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Reading dividend increase gave the stock market the only semblance of animation it enjoyed today coming after a period of torpidity. Operators in stocks were diffident about committing themselves to market contracts. The traders had difficulty in following the shifting trend of the market and the movement of prices at all times. The decided shrinkage in the volume of the market was the most noticeable feature of the day. With the announcement of the change in the form, but not in the amount of the Lehigh Valley dividend, Reading rallied from its weakness and rose above 170 for the first time during the day. The actual announcement of the increase in the Reading dividend to the six per cent. rate came in the last half hour of the market. There was a spasmodict jump in the stock to 171 3-4 but it sold off again and carried back the general market with it to an irregular closing. This interrupted a general recovery from the early weakness common to the whole list. Use was made as a depressing influence of the formal declaration of war against the open shop position of the United States Steel Corporation by the labor conference at Pittsburg. A loss of a point at the opening measured the extent of this influence.

An incident of the day was the payment of the Standard Oil dividend, which called for the disbursement of $10,000,000. As a herald of the coming yearly disbursement of large sums in interest and dividends this attracted notice. The advance in prices in the last hour was the most comprehensive of the day but it was partly lost in the reaction following the Reading dividend announcement.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, of par value, were $4,025,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 647,900 shares.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Money on call firm 4 1-2 to 5 per cent., ruling rate 4 7-8, closing bid 4 3-4, offered at 4 3-4. Time loans easy, sixty days 4 1-2 to 4 3-4 per cent., and ninety days 4 1-2 per cent. Six months 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8420 to 4.8430 for sixty day bills and at 4.88 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 1-2 to 4.84. Bar silver 52 3-8. Mexican dollars 44.

U. S. BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, registered	100 7-8
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	100 7-8
U. S. 3s registered	101 5-8
U. S. 3s, coupon	101 5-8
U. S. 4s, registered	114 1-2
U. S. 4s, coupon	115 1-2
Allis Chalmers 1st 5s	88
Algerian Agricultural 5s	102
American Tel. & Tel. cv 4s	105 1-8
American Tobacco 4s	97 7-8
American Tobacco 6s	106 1-2
Armour & Co. 4 1-2s	94 5-8
Atchison Gen. 4s	99 7-8
Atchison cv 4s	121 1-2
Atchison cv. 5s	121 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	95
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio 3 1-2s	92 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. 3 1-2s	90 1-8
Brooklyn Transit cv. 4s	87
Central of Georgia 5s	108 1-4
Central Leather 5s	98 1-8
Central R. R. of N. J. gen. 5s	124 5-8
Chesapeake & Ohio 4 1-2s	102 3-4
Chesapeke & Ohio ref 5s	105
Chicago & Alton 3 1-2s	73 1-2
Chicago, R. & Q. joint 4s	96
Chicago, R. & Q. gen 4s	90 3-8
Chicago, Mil. & St. P. gen 3 1-2s	89
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 4s	80 3-4
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	102 3-8
Chicago, R. I. & P. Ry. rfg 4s	91
Colorado Industrial 5s	84 1-2
Col. & Southern ref. & ext. 4 1-2s	97 1-2
Delaware & Hudson cv 4s	101 3-4
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	96
Denver & Rio Grande ref. 5s	94 1-4
Distillers 5s	75
Erie prior lien 4s	85 3-8
Erie Gen. 4s	76 1-2
Erie cv. 4s series "A"	81 1-2
Erie cv 4s series "B"	73 1-4
General Electric cv 5s	118
Illinois Central 1st ref 4s	99
Interborough Met. 4 1-2s	83 5-8
Inter. Merc Marine 4 1-2s	70 1-2
Japan 4s	87 7-8
Ja an 4 1-2s	94
Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73 1-2
Lake Shore deb. 4s (1931)	94
Louisville & Nash. Un. 4s	99 5-8
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 4s	99
Mo., Kan. & Texas gen. 4 1-2s	91 1-4
Missouri Pacific 4s	82
National Rys. of Mexico 4 1-2s	84
New York Central gen. 3 1-2s	91 1-2
New York Central deb. 4s	95 1-2
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford cv. 6s	135 1-8
Norfolk & Western 1st con. 4s	98
Norfolk & Western cv 4s	102 1-8
Northern Pacific 4s	102 1-4
Northern Pacific 3s	72 3-4
Oregon Short Line rfdg 4s	94
Penn. cv. 3 1-2s (1915)	96 1-2
Penn. Con. 4s	104 1-8
Reading Gen. 4s	99 3-4
St. Louis & San Fran. fg. 4s	85
St. Louis & San Fran. gen. 5s	89 1-4
St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79 7-8
St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93 1-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84
Southern Pacific col. 4s	90 3-4
Southern Pacific cv 4s	103 5-8
Southern Pacific R. R. 1st ref 4s	94 5-8
Southern Railway 5s	111 1-2
Southern Railway gen. 4s	81 1-2
Union Pacific 4s	102 1-8
Union Pacific cv 4s	116 1-2
Union Pacific 1st and ref 4s	97 7-8
U. S. Rubber 6s	104 1-4
U. S. Stel 2nd 5s	105 1-2
Virginia-Car. Chemical 5s	98 5-8
Wabash 1st 5s	112
Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76 1-2
Western Md., 4s	85 3-4
Westinghouse Electric cv 5s	94 1-8
Wisconsin Central 4s	94 1-2

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers pfd	51 5-8
Amalgamated Copper	87 7-8
American Agricultural	45
American Beet Sugar	47
American Can pfd	87 5-8
American Car & Foundry	72
American Cotton Oil	68 3-4
American Hide & Leather pfd	46 1-2
American Ice securities	25
American Linseed	15 3-4
American Locomotive	61
American Smelting & Refing	101 1-4
American Smelting & Refing pfd	111 1-2
American Sugar Refining	123 1-2
American Tel. & Tel.	142 1-2
American Tobacco, pfd	96 1-2
American Woolen	137 1-2
Anaconda Mining Co.	49 1-2
Atchison	121 7-8
Atchison pfd	104 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	137
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91
Bethleham Steel	33 5-8
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80
Canadian Pacific	179 1-2
Central Leather	46 3-4
Central Leather pfd	108 1-2
Central of New Jersey	310
Chesapeake & Ohio	87 3-8
Chicago & Alton	67 1-2
Chicago Great Western	21 1-8
Chicago & Northwestern	180 5-8
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul Ex Div.	137 1-2
C., C. C. & St. Louis	78 1-2
Colorado Fuel & Iron	52
Colorado & Southern	33 1-2
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd	81
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd	80 1-4
Consolidated Gas	150 5-8
Corn Products	23
Delaware & Hudson	183
Denver & Rio Grande	50
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	86
Distillers' Securities	38
Erie	34 3-8
Erie 1st pfd	51
Erie 2nd pfd	41 1-2
General Electric	150 1-4
Great Northern pfd	144 1-8
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	81
Illinois Central	147 1-4
Interborough Met.	23 3-4
Interborough Met pfd	69 1-2
Inter Harvester	108 3-4
Inter Marine pfd	23 5-8
International Paupar	15 1-2
International Pump	50 5-8
Iowa Central	29 1-4
Kansas City Southern	43 7-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 1-2
Louisville & Nashville	135 3-4
Minneapolis & St. Louis	52 1-2
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	141 5-8
Missouri Pacific	72
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	29 7-8
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd	74
National Biscuit	115
National Lead	87 3-4
Nat'l Rys. of Mexico 1st pfd	58 1-4
New York Central	123 3-4
New York, Ontario & Western	49 3-8
Norfolk & Western	100 3-8
North American Ex. Div.	85 1-8
Northern Pacific	146
Pacific Mail	40
Pennsylvania	134 1-2
People's Gas	114 1-2
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	98 1-2
Pressed Steel Car	51 1-2
Pullman Palace Car	190
Railway Steel Spring	51 1-2
Reading	170 1-4
Republic Steel	46
Republic Steel pfd	107
Rock Island Co.	43 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd.	91
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd	50 1-2
St. Louis Southwestern	33 1-2
St. Louis Southwestern pfd	80 5-8
Sloss Sheffield Steel and Iron	87
Southern Pacific	133 1-4
Southern Railway	32 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	74 5-8
Tennessee Copper	32
Texas & Pacific	35 5-8
Toledo, St. Louis & West	53 1-8
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd	102 3-8
Union Pacific pfd	102 3-4
United States Realty	81 1-2
United States Rubber	52 3-4
United States Steel	91 1-8
United States Steel pfd	125 3-8
Utah Copper	60 3-8
Virginia Carolina Chemical	59 3-8
Wabash	21
Wabash pfd	57 7-8
Western Maryland	54 1-4
Westinghouse Electric	83 3-4
Western Union	78 1-8
Wheeling & Lake Erie	8
Wisconsin Central	49
Standard Oil Co.	699

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 15.—Flour steady.

Rye Flour, Corn Meal and Rye—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour and Barley—Quiet.

Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red 1.27 elevator and 1.26 1-2 fob afloat nominal. Options closed 1-8 to 1-4c net lower. December 1.22; May 1.17; July 1.07 1-8.

Corn—Spot steady; new No. 2, 70 1-2 elevator domestic 71 delivered and 68 fob afloat, all nominal. Options closed unchanged. December 71 3-4; May 73 1-2.

Oats—Steady; mixed 46 1-2.

Porf, Beef, Cut Meats and Petroleum—Steady.

Lard—Easy.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw firm; refined quiet.

Coffee—Quiet; Rio No. 7, 8 1-2 nominal; Santos No. 4 8 3-4, mild quiet; Cordova 9 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady net unchanged to 5 points higher.

Butter—Firm, unchanged.

Chese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firm, refrigerators 20 to 24 1-2.

Potatoes—Quiet; Maine per bag 1.75 to 2.05; state and western per barrel 1.50 to 1.75; Long Island 2.00 to 2.50.

Cabbages—Firm; Danish seed per ton 14.00 to 17.00; domestic 9.00 to 12.00. Red per barrel 1.00 to 1.25.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton seed oil market was firmer at 5 to 9 points advance with sales of 11,800 barrels. Refiners were buying on the strength in crude and there was a better speculative demand for outside. March 7.39 to 7.40; May 7.51 to 7.52; July 7.57 to 7.59. Prime crude 6.33 to 6.40; do summer yellow 7.28 to 7.50; do winter yellow 7.35 to 8.00; prime summer white 7.55 to 7.95.

THE GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The government crop report and increased receipts in the northwest offset bullish foreign advices and caused weakness in the wheat market here today. Prices at the close were 1-8 to 1-4 to 1-2 below the final figures of the previous day. Corn, oats and provisions also closed heavy.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 13 1-2	1 13 1-2	1 12 1-2
May	1 11 1-4	1 11 1-4	1 10 1-4
July	1 00 1-4	1 00 1-4	99 3-8
Corn—			
Dec.	61 1-8	62 3-4	61 3-4
May	66	63 1-2	65 3-4
July	65 5-8	66	65 1-8
Oats—			
Dec.	43 1-8	43 1-2	43 1-8
May	44 7-8	45	44 5-8
July	42 1-4	42 1-2	42 3-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	21 70	21 70	21 90
May	21 45	21 67 1-2	21 67 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	12 80	12 85	12 82 1-2
May	11 80	11 92 1-2	11 92
July	11 77 1-2	11 87 1-2	11 87 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	11 75	11 95	11 92 1-2
May	11 25	11 35	11 35
July	11 25	11 35	11 35

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN.

Chicago, Decc. 15.—Cash wheat No. 2 red 1.25 to 1.27; No. 3 red 1.19 to 1.23; No. 2 hard 1.14 to 1.16; No. 3 hard 1.10 to 1.13; No 1 northern 1.15 to 1.16; No. 2 northern 1.12 to 1.14; No. 3 spring 1.08 to 1.13.

Corn—No. 3, 60 to 60 1-4; No. 3 white 60 to 60 1-4; No. 3 yellow 60 to 60 1-8; No. 4 57 to 57 1-2; No. 4 yellow 57 to 57 5-8.

Oats—No. 2 white 44 3-4; No. 3 white 43 1-2 to 55; No. 4 white 42 1-2 to 43 1-2; standard 45.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 15.—Turpentine easy; rosin quiet.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—Turpentine firm 54. Rosin firm. Quote A, B, C, 3.85 to 3.90; E, 3.92 1-2 to 3.95; F, 3.95; G, 4.00 to 4.02 1-2; H, 4.05 to 4.10; I, 4.60; K, 5.00; M, 5.85; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 15.—Turpentine firm 53 to 53 3-4; sales 901; receipts 719; shipments 190. Rosin firm; sales 2,678; receipts 2,504; shipments 591; stock 139,802. Quote: A, B, C, 3.85 to 3.90; D, 3.90; E, 3.92 1-2 to 4.00; F, 3.97 1-2 to 4.02; G, 4.00 to 4.05; H, 4.05 to 4.12 1-2; I, 4.60; K, 5.00; M, 5.85; N, 6.15; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.75.

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Br. str. Harlyn, 2,224 tons, Bird, Philadelphia, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—148 bales cotton, 10 barrels tar,

W. & W. Railroad—182 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—119 bales cotton, 15 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—122 bales cotton, 39 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—34 bales cotton, 18 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—1 bale cotton, 11 casks turpentine, 74 barrels rosin.

Str. Black River—4 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lyon—29 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 3 barrels rosin, 22 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—635 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 77 barrels rosin, 90 barrels tar, 64 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

West Point (Br.) Roche, 3,074 tons, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Friederike (Br.) 2,297 tons, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Harlyn, (Br.) 2,224 tons, Bird, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Herbert May, 318 tons, Black, C. D. Mafflt.

F. & T. Lupton, 797 tons, Longstreet, C. D. Mafflt.

Blanche (Br.) 165 tons, Albury, Springer Coal Company.

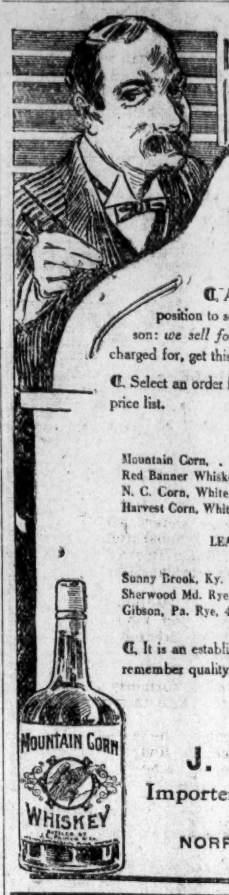
Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Griffith, C. D. Mafflt.

Millie R. Bonhannan, 579 tons, Little, C. D. Mafflt.

Buy your toys, fireworks and Christmas goods at Rehder's, Fourth Street Bridge. Store open until 9 P. M.

An explosion of molten metal at the Bethlehem, (Pa.) Steel Works yesterday instantly burned to death Joseph Ger, aged 18 years; fatally injured Ellwood Shiffut and seriously burned four other employes. Assistant Superintendent Jacob Roeder and Foreman Elias Knopf are among the injured.

While buying your Christmas gifts, don't forget the reliable and suitable line to be found at J. T. Burke's, 27 South Front street. dec9tf.



¶ As every day put off means a loss to you. We are in a position to sell a higher grade of goods at a lower price for this reason: *we sell for cash*, and therefore have no bad debts that you are charged for, get this into your head and you will quickly see the reason.

¶ Select an order from the following, or write to us for full and complete price list.

	Qts.		Pts.		½ Pts.	
Mountain Corn	12	$6.00	24	$6.25	48	$6.50
Red Banner Whiskey	12	8.00	24	8.25	48	8.50
N. C. Corn, White or Yellow, per gal.						$1.50 and $2.00
Harvest Corn, White or Yellow, per gal.						2.00 and 2.50

LEADING BRANDS OF BONDED GOODS.

	Gal.		Gal.
Sunny Brook, Ky. Rye, 4 yrs. old	$3.50	5 yrs. old	$4.00
Sherwood Md. Rye, 4 yrs. old	3.50	5 yrs. old	4.00
Gibson, Pa. Rye, 4 yrs. old	3.50	5 yrs. old	4.00

¶ It is an established fact that buying by mail is the correct way, and remember quality is our first consideration.

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With final return limit to leave destination not later than midnight, January 6th, 1910.

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BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

and such things as he did not bring with him will come on this week's steamer. There will be beautiful Toys for the little children.

Splendid things for big children in rare and lustrous Furs, from $1.98 to $35.00

Also a large and magnificent assortment of Ladies Coat Suits from $5.98 to $35.00

Evening Capes, $1.75 to $10.00

One-piece Dresses of exquisite style and shape.
The season's Bargain in Ladies' Hats.

Monday's steamer will bring from New York 200 black silk velvet Hats of the newest shape and style. (I bought them while in New York last Wednesday at a great reduction.) These Hats are worth in any market $5.00 to $7.50. We shall sell them from $2.25 to..$3.50

No such hat value has everbefore been offered in this city.

We picked up many a bargain while in New York during the last ten days and they will all come by this week's steamer, in time for the holiday trade.

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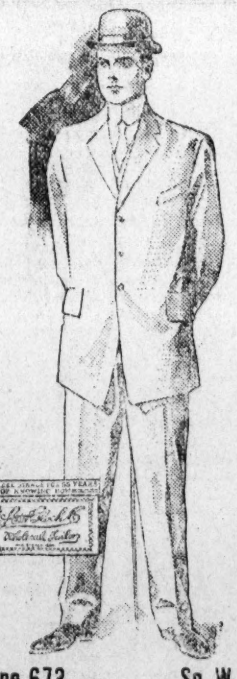

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A very exclusive assortment of Stein Block's High Grade Hand Factored Suits and Overcoats for the Holidays

We are showing the prettiest Christmas goods in the way of Hats, Gloves, Neckwear, Underwear, Sox, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Silk Suspenders, Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Suit Cases, Bags and Trunks, Bath Robes, Pajamas and everything in Gentlemen's Wear. Give us a look before making your Christmas purchases.

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THE WEATHER

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 8 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 15th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 40 degrees; 8 P. M. 56 degrees; maximum 66 degrees, minimum 39 degrees; mean 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 1.75 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Wednesday 12 feet with prospects of rise.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair, colder Thursday, Friday fair, moderate west to northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 16.

Sun Rises.....7:11 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:05 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 45 min.
High water at Southport..10:29 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 1:29 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

August O. Schuster—Umbrellas.
Wilmington Furniture Co.—$2,000 Christmas Gift.

Business Locals.

For Sale—Stock.
For Sale—Upright Piano.
Palace Market—Country Pig Pork.
C. W. Leighton—Hound Pup Lost.
Merchants' Paint Co.—Specialty Salesmen.

SHORTAGE OF $50,000.

In Atlanta Office of the Phoenix Insurance Company.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Atlanta office of the Phoenix (fire) Insurance Company, of Brooklyn, is short approximately $50,000 and has since January 1st, 1907, according to a statement issued by the State Department of Insurance. This adds further complexities to the affairs of the company, whose former president, George O. Sheldon, is under indictment charged with grand larceny.

The statement says in part: "A shortage in the Atlanta general agency existed prior to January 1st, 1907. Its amount seems to have been between $45,000 and $50,000. The company's representatives hold certain property turned over by Mr. Stockwell (the general agent) but such property is not thought to be enough to balance the shortage.

"Mr. Sheldon was informed of the shortage in January, 1907, but he did not report the same to the company's directors or mention it until just as the present examination began. He then mentioned it to another officer of the company and asked that the amount be charged off. This officer was Vice President Ingraham and he declined to charge off the acount as requested. As soon as possible examiners will proceed to Atlanta and get at the facts. I have brought the substance of the testimony taken to the attention of the Insurance Commissioner of Georgia."

FAVORABLE FOR LURTON.

Report of Senate Committee on His Nomination Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Senate committee on judiciary voted unanimously today to report favorably the nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Some members of the committee expressed the opinion that it would have been better to have named a younger man, Judge Lurton being in his 66th year, but there was no general opposition to him, or any criticism except as to his age. The report will be made on Thursday by Senator Bacon.

It was stated that there may be some opposition to the confirmation of Judge Lurton, in the Senate, and it was thought advisable to let the opposition appear there rather than by delaying a report. It was pointed out that Judge Lurton had had 25 years' experience on the bench, and the general opinion among the members of the committee was that he was entitled to the courtesy of prompt action by the committee.

NICARAGUAN REBELLION.

Reports Sent Out From Managua Were True—Arrests Are Made.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Yesterday's dispatches containing an account of the anti Zelaya demonstration in Managua were confirmed by a telegram received at the State Department from Vice Consul Caldera. From this dispatch which was dated yesterday morning it appears that some of the demonstrants were arrested by government authorities, but who the people placed under arrest are not indicated.

The dispatch also says that Zelaya has published a statement promising to resign the presidency of Nicaragua in favor of Madriz, who, as Zelaya's candidate, is not the choice of the people there. Mr. Caldera in speaking of the demonstration the night before says that large crowds surrounded the American legation cheering the government and the people of the United States.

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If you are troubled with pimples, blackheads,acne, barber's itch, blotches, freckles or other skin disease or blemish, now is the time to cure it with Hokara.

This pure and simple skin food is being introduced in Wilmington by J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., at the low price of 25c for a liberal sized jar.

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If the skin trouble is caused by impure blood, or if the bowels are inactive, use Hokara Blood Tablets. They cool and cleanse the blood and regulate the bowels in a natural way.

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OCEY SNEAD'S MOTHER HELD

Arrested Early This Morning in New York—Formally Charged With Murder—Conclusive Evidence. Mrs. Carolina Martin.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead, the East Orange, N. J., bath tub victim, was arrested in New York shortly after midnight this morning formally charged with murder. The warrant was issued yesterday by Recorder Mott at East Orange and was placed in the hands of central office detectives last night.

New York, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Carolina W. Martin much sought in connection with the mysterious death of her daughter, Mrs. Ocey W. M. Snead at East Orange, N. J., appeared in New York today with characteristic eccentricity, for a brief moment disappeared again after defying the police of two States, and left behind her the most valuable bit of evidence in the case yet discovered.

In the bath room of her vacated room in an uptown hotel were found three undated notes written on soiled note paper in a round girlish hand identical with the hand writing of the note found in the East Orange bath room, pinned to the little heap of clothes near the body of Ocey Snead. The notes vary slightly in phraseology, but are all substantially as follows:

"Last year my little daughter died. Other near and dear kindred too, have gone to heaven. I long to go there too. I have been very weak and ill a long time. Death will be a blessed relief to my sufferings. When you read this I will have committed suicide. My sorrow and pain in this world are greater than I can endure.

"OCEY W. M. SNEAD."

This wording is substantially the same as that of the East Orange note on which hangs the whole State of New Jersey against Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Martin's sister, the last person known to have seen Ocey Snead alive.

Experts have doubted the genuineness of this note. If proved a forgery, the theory of suicide held by the defense would fail. The evidence discovered today that some one had made repeated trial drafts of the note will be used by the prosecution to further combat the question of its authorship.

Yesterday forenoon a heavily veiled, taciturn woman, well advanced in years, alighted from a cab at the hotel Bayard and gave her name at the desk as "Mrs. Mayberry." The clerk misunderstood her and by another coincidence of ill omen, registered her as Mrs. Maybrick. Her actions were so unusual as to arouse the suspicions of both the hotel management and the cabby. For hours she had driven about aimlessly with no apparent destination. Once in her room, she allowed no one to enter, not even the chamber maid. What little food she ate was left outside her door.

Accordingly the hotel management notified police headquarters which in turn notified East Orange. Detectives who knocked at the door were refused admission. Mrs. "Mayberry" knew her rights. The police cannot extradite her as a witness, however much she is desired, and inasmuch as she is not under indictment, they can seek her on no other pretext.

The New York police, on the other hand have no complaint whatever against her.

Therefore "Mrs. Mayberry" answered such questions as she chose from behind a closed door, and then dismissed the baffled detectives. But her case has given the hotel such notoriety that it requested her to surrender her room. The woman hastily collected such loose effects as she could cram into a paper box, tipped a bell boy liberally and escaped by the hotel basement into an adjoining back yard and thence to the open street.

The vacated newspaper men found, in addition to the three notes a bundle of clippings and memoranda all bearing on the Snead case, disputed wills and life insurance. This material will be turned over tomorrow to the prosecuting authorities.

Mrs. Martin has been hitherto conspicuous by her absence. She did not even attend her daughter's funeral and has made no move to come forward in defense of her sister, now held for the grand jury at East Orange. Those who talked with her today say she did not deny her identity, though she refused to admit them to her room.

GRAIN CROPS BETTER

Shown by Report Made by Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture in a bulletin issued today estimates the average weight per measured bushel of various crops to be as follows:

Spring wheat 57.1 pounds; Winter wheat 58.4 pounds and oats 32.7 pounds against 57.3, 58.8 and 29.8 pounds, respectively, last year.

The quality of corn is 84.2 per cent., against 86.9 last year. The final estimates indicate the harvested acreage and production, important farm crops of the United States in 1909 and 1908 to have been as follows:

Crop.	Acreage Acres	Production Bushels (x)
Corn, 1909....	108,771,000	2,772,376,000
Corn, 1908....	101,788,000	2,668,651,000
W. wheat, '09.	28,330,000	446,366,000
W. wheat, '08..	30,349,000	407,907,000
S. wheat, '09..	18,393,000	290,823,000
S. wheat, '08..	17,208,000	226,694,000
All wheat, '09.	46,723,000	737,189,000
All wheat, '08.	47,557,000	664,602,000
Oats, 1909 ...	33,204,000	1,007,353,000
Oats, 1908 ...	32,344,000	807,156,000

(x) Bushels of weight.

PREBLES RECOVERING.

Man Who Was Adjudged Insane After Murdering His Wife.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—A letter received from the authorities of the Eastern State Hospital at Williamsburg, Va., says Eugene Peebles, the former Augusta-Savannah and Aiken, (S. C.) man, whom a Norfolk jury in September adjudged insane, both then and when he murdered his wife here a May, is rapidly recovering and will soon be well again.

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DREDGE SANK NEAR LOOKOUT

Five Men Were Drowned When Dredge Port Acan Sank in Hurricane Last Monday—Tug Returns to Port.

Baltimore, Dec. 15.—News reached here today of the sinking early Monday morning, between Cape Lookout and Frying Pan Shoals of the dredge Port Ancon, and the drowning of five men.

Those lost were Capt. Joseph Brering, Chief Engineer Marin Kaupp, George Tyler and Matthew Skillman of the dredge of this city and Albert Grimm, of Norfolk, Va., foreman of the tug Tormentor which had the dredge in tow when the disaster occurred. The two left here on Thursday of last week for Crystobal, Panama.

The dredge was owned by the American Towing Company, of Baltimore. The tug returned to port today and members of the crew reported that the dredge sank during a hurricane. None of the bodies were recovered.

The tug and dredge referred to in the above dispatch are probably the same as reported Monday morning by Capt. Packer, of the Clyde Liner Carib, upon his arrival here Monday morning.

PEARY PRESENTED MEDAL.

Publicly Acclaimed the Discoverer of the North Pole.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The National Geographic Society tonight publicly acclaimed Commander Robert E. Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole ,and in recognition thereof pre- Pole, and in recognition thereof presenting the trophy to Commander Peary, Professor Willis O. Moore, president of the Society, who acted as toastmaster phrased his sentence to refer to Commander Peary as "the man" who had won the prize.

Professor Moore in presenting the medal said the public never for a moment had questioned the veracity of Commander Peary's statement, and also that the data of Peary's expedition had required no editing before it was presented to the National Geographic society. This was the only reference made to the polar controversy.

Capt. Robert A. Bartlett, the master of the Roosevelt, who took that stout ship into the ice farther than any other craft ever went also received a medal. This was presented by Ambassador James Bryce, of Great Britain.

Andrew Carnegie, Ambassador Jusserand, of France, Baron DesPlanches, the Italian ambassador, General Thomas Hubbard, president of the Peary Arctic Club, and Speaker Cannon, sat at the speaker's table.

Telegrams of congratulations from Col. Roosevelt, the Royal Geographic Society of England and the Berlin Geographical Society, were read. The Duke of Abruzzi also sent a cable congratulating Commander Peary.

ALLEGE RIDERS TESTIFY.

Johnson and Cloar on the Stand at Union City Trial.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 15.—All knowledge of the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log by a band of night riders was denied in every detail by Garrett Johnson and Arthur Cloar, alleged leaders of the organization, and charged with the murder of Capt. Rankin, when they took the stand in their own behalf here today.

Johnson even went so far as to say that he knew nothing about the night riders and that he never saw any of them or talked to them.

Cloar admitted that he accompanied the night riders upon one raid, but said he did not consider that "night riding" as they did not put on their masks until they reached their destination. On cross-examination Cloar said he had never fired a gun in his life and did not know even how to handle one.

The State rested its case early today after introducing one witness, Ed Powell, whom the night riders forced to accompany them toward the hotel on the night of Capt. Rankin's murder.

BIG PROPERTY DEAL.

Major Shaw, of Rockingham, Invests in Charlotte Real Estate.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—Major John D. Shaw, of Rockingham, N. C., has purchased the property of Mr. R. B. Alexander, at No. 309 North Tryon street, for $20,000. The property has a frontage of 30 feet and a depth of 116 feet. The two-story building is at present occupied by a leading grocery firm. Major Shaw stated this morning that he had no immediate plans of improving the property and that his only idea in making the purchase was that he believes in the increasing value of Charlotte real estate.

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FOR SALE—100 shares of stock of the Neely Compress & Cotton Co., at 90 cents per share; 50 to 150 shares of stock of the Collins Wireless Telephone Company, $2.50 per share; 50 to 200 Burlingame Telegraphing Typewriter stock $5 per share. Additional information upon application. Address "Banker" postoffice box 887, Norfolk, Va. de 16 3t*

LOST—Hound pup two months old, speckled black ears, two black spots on back, one at end of tail. C. E. Leighton, Wilmington Iron Works. de 16 2t*

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TO THE PUBLIC—Fish, oysters, clams, open or in the shell. 'Phone 1788, third bench, Front street Fish Market. L. M. Sandlin. de 7 2w*

WANTED—The shaving public to know that we now have six white barbers at "The Orton" Sanitary Shop. We beg for a trial; it will be up to us to hold your trade. ao 24 1m.

KEEP YOUR EYE on our show case. The display will be changed frequently. Every time we change it will be better. The Gem Studio, Foltz & Kendrick, 114 Market street. no 27 tf.

HEADQUARTERS FOR FIREWORKS—Let us have your orders, wholesale and retail. One car load must be sold. Prices very low. Farriss' Bakery. de 3 tf

PHOTOGRAPHS — Enlargements, copying, framing, viewing and fine photographic work of every description. At the U. C. Ellis Studio. no 18 tf

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SWEET ORANGES—We are offering to the trade any quantity of West India oranges in any amount as low as the lowest, and will be glad to have your orders at 311 North Front street. The Hicks Co. de 15 2t

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THE Cooker Boarding House is now open at southwest corner of Second and Dock streets; the entire house has been painted, and modern improvements installed; rooms large, airy, newly furnished and comfortable; table board best market affords; terms reasonable. For further particulars apply J. A. Cooker, Proprietor. de 15 3t.

MECHANICS Home Association, 39th series B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1910. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 15 tf ex su.

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